



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF CHESHIRE GALA WEEKEND 2012

The Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. Bryan R. Ogden invites you and your partner to join him and other Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Masons and their guests for a Gala Weekend for two nights commencing Friday 20th April 2012 at the Hydro Hotel, Bowness on Windermere. Due to this being a new and exciting venue for the event we expect that there will be significant and early support. Rooms are limited and your early response therefore, would be highly advisable and appreciated.

Hotel

The Hydro Hotel is equipped with an indoor pool And Spa and is situated seconds from the centre of Bowness, with magnificent views of the lake and surrounding fells. The hotel has ample car parking space. Arrangements have been made to make a good number of the 75 bedrooms available to us for the weekend, either double, twin or single with check in from 2pm on the Friday and departure on the Sunday morning.



The weekend will consist of an informal Hot Buffet at 7.30 p.m. on the Friday evening, followed by a full English breakfast on Saturday. Daytime is free to explore the town and surrounding attractions. In the evening there will be a six course Gala Dinner and Dance, Lounge suits, at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. Breakfast will be served on the Sunday morning prior to departure.

Meal

Please arrange to complete your Saturday evening meal requirements on the enclosed booking form. Please also indicate on the form if you wish to sit with friends. The meal choices are as follows:

Starters:

- A) **Pate Maison** Parfait of chicken livers, flavoured with brandy and cream served with seasonal leaves red onion marmalade and oatcakes
- B) **Avocado and Prawn Galette** Slices of ripe avocado and royal Greenland prawns layed with a light mayonnaise sauce, dressed with a citrus vinaigrette
- C) **Melon Fantasia** Parisienne of Gallia, Water, and Ogen Melon with a Fan of honeydew served with a fruit compote

Soup:

Carrot & Coriander soup, served with a bread roll and butter

Main courses:

- 1) **Roast Topside of Beef** served with Yorkshire pudding and pan gravy
- 2) **Supreme of Chicken Tracy**, breast of chicken stuffed with leeks and smoked Cumbrian cheese, wrapped in filo pastry and served with a white wine & mushroom sauce.
- 3) **Grilled fillet of Sea Bass**, served with a vegetable and tomato ragout
- 4) **Nut Roast** with a tomato and herb sauce.

All main courses will be served with roasted and Lyonnais potatoes, baton carrots and garden peas.



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Sweets:

- X) Strawberry Pavlova
- Y) Fresh Fruit Salad
- Z) Hazelnut and Chocolate Torte

Cheeseboard, freshly brewed filter coffee or tea and chocolate mints.

On the Saturday evening there will be a raffle, the proceeds will go to the Cheshire Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund. Prizes for the raffle will be gratefully received.

Windermere Lake Cruise:

W Bro Ernie Fallowfield of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland has made a very generous offer to discount tickets sold in advance for Windermere Lake Cruises. He proposes to make open tickets available (return any time) to our party to sail as a group to Ambleside at 10.10 am on the Saturday Morning from Bowness and for people to return at their leisure after a day in Ambleside and beyond or immediately if they wish. People wishing to take up this offer must enclose £8.50 per person for their Cruise ticket including tea or coffee with the deposit for their booking. (normal price £11.00) **This offer will not be available on the day**

Local Attractions:

There are splendid facilities in the local area and many tourist attractions. Within easy reach of the hotel are Keswick, Ambleside, Grasmere and Coniston and the market town of Kendal. Other local attractions include Windermere Steamboat Museum & World of Beatrix Potter attraction in Bowness The Lake District Visitor Centre and Gardens at Brockhole, Wordsworth's home, Dove Cottage at Grasmere, the Aquarium of the lakes at Lakeside and the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway or just enjoy afternoon tea at one of the myriad of local café's or maybe go up market for afternoon tea or even luncheon at the Old England Hotel

The total cost of the weekend will be £140 per person plus £8.50 per person if you desire to go cruising. A non-returnable deposit of £50 (or £58.50 if cruising) per person is required at the time of booking, The balance is payable by 28th February 2011. It is anticipated that this will be a very popular event and bookings will be taken strictly in order of receipt.

Booking and Further Information:

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it with your cheque for £50 or £58.50 per person, made payable to "Mark Events Account" to;

Bob McMillan, Oakbank Barn, Newton in Cartmel, Grange over Sands, Cumbria.
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Further Information from any of the Events Committee Members;

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We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Hydro.