

## New Provincial Banner for Cheshire

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2005, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro.O.Denzil Griffiths PPrGSD, members of Cheshire Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.1825, and their guests, were honoured to host the Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro Bryan Russell Ogden, accompanied by the Deputy and Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. They were supported by most of the Provincial Team at what was a rare event in any Masonic calendar, the Dedication of a new Provincial Banner.



Over one hundred and fifty brethren, representing the majority of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges within the Province of Cheshire, watched an enthralling and skilfully worked ceremony, followed by an excellent feast at a truly convivial and friendly social board.

The design of the new banner, which has been donated to the Province, had been kept secret for some time. This ensured that W.Bro. Bob Hall, our Provincial Grand Tyler, was kept busy in keeping it under wraps and away from enquiring eyes until the very last minute. A task in which he most definitely succeeded! It's wonderful design and workmanship was finally revealed to all as the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, W. Bro. Christopher Postles, proudly carried it into Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge. Once in the Lodge it was blessed by the Provincial Grand Chaplain and dedicated by the Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master outlined to the Brethren, the thinking behind and background to the change. The old banner, which had been funded by what was thought to have been a five pounds donation from each Lodge, was made by a lady in Chester during 1984/5. As well as showing signs of wear the banner did not reflect the new Provincial image. The new design can now be seen across the Province in the Banner, new Tie (see page 3 and 4), Logo and existing Token.

**Insert image of new  
Provincial Tie**



**The Provincial Rulers, Wardens, Chaplain, DC and ADC, Banner Bearer, Sword Bearer, Inner Guard and the Worshipful Master of The Cheshire Mark Stewards Lodge, after the banner dedication meeting with the new Provincial Banner.**

The pattern of the new banner has its roots in the design of the Cheshire Window in the Grand Mark Lodge building in St.James, London. In 1989 each Mark Province was requested to support the renovation of Mark Grand Lodge, by providing a design representing their Province, so that an appropriate stained glass window could be made installed. The windows were produced by Mark Grand Lodge and funded by the donor Province. The beautiful Cheshire Window can be seen in the photograph below.



The brethren of the Province offer their combined thanks to the Provincial Leaders, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Deputy, the members of the Provincial Team and all those who assisted in making this such a memorable event.

**The Editorial Team**

## New Provincial Mark Tie Order Form

### **Dear Sir and Brother**

Pictured overleaf is the new Cheshire Provincial Mark Tie. The tie was first announced to the brethren of the Province, on the 12th of February 2005, at the Banner dedication meeting detailed on pages one and two of this Special Edition Newsletter.

This order form is for you to complete - either to place an order in multiples of five or - to take with you to the Annual Provincial Meeting at Chester on the 2nd of April and collect one for yourself at £12.00 each.

**Name** .....

**Lodge** ..... **Number** .....

**Address** .....

..... **Post Code** .....

**Tel No:** ..... **E-mail:** .....

I wish to order ..... (No of ties in multiples of five) at £12.50 each including post and packaging (i.e. £62.50 for five ties). I enclose a cheque in the sum of £ ..... Payable to - *'Province of Cheshire MMM'*

Your Cheque for multiple orders **ONLY** should be forwarded to the Provincial Office for the attention of the Provincial Grand Secretary in an envelope clearly marked *'MMM Ties'* in the top left hand corner. The full postal address is -

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**Altricham, Cheshire,**  
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