The Cheshire Mark Mason

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PGL Move To Ellesmere Port - A Success

It was 'all change' for the 2007 annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, due to Chester College changing to a University. A re-assessment of the uses of certain buildings on the University campus meant that our use of the Molloy Hall (home for our Provincial Grand Lodge meetings for many years) could not be guaranteed on our preferred dates, hence a different venue was needed.

Our PGM chose the Ellesmere Port Civic Centre as the location for our meeting on 17th March 2007, and this setting, as well as the new dining venue at the Whitby Masonic Hall, proved to be an outstanding success and has been booked for Provincial Grand Lodge meetings in the next few years to come.



The Civic Centre was found to be ideally suited for our requirements. As well as being a grand building well suited to the dignity and ceremony required for masonic meetings, it has plenty of room and parking facilities; a first class PA system (including an operator even more demanding than the Provincial Director of Ceremonies!) and more comfortable seats than at the college. We were also able to provide our own refreshments which the ladies of some of the brethren dealt with in exemplary style. Whitby Masonic Hall also pulled out all the stops; not only with a superb lunch but with new dining room furniture as well. This too proved to be an excellent choice. As is to be expected with new venues, there were one or two hiccups in getting everyone to the right place at the right time, but these have been addressed and should not be a problem in 2008.

Congratulations to all those who were honoured with Acting, Past and Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Ranks and many, many thanks to all involved in the organisation, stewarding and car-park attending – not all of whom were Mark Masons - yet!). Special thanks have to go to W.Bro. Gary Horstman Provincial Grand Inspector of Works, for his efforts in producing all the notices, plans and layout diagrams – a monumental task.

Senior Provincial Appointments

At the Provincial Meeting, W.Bro. David Alldred PGSD, RAMGR was re-appointed as our Deputy PGM.

Also, W.Bro. David Robinson Sellers PGJD, RAMGR was appointed, obligated and invested as our Assistant PGM. David is a Dental Surgeon, married to Maira for 37 years with two children, Sarah and Mark, and three granddaughters. He was initiated into Townfield Lodge No. 7024 in Sale in 1974, occupying the Chair in 1981 and appointed PAGDC in 2000. He was exalted into Stamford Chapter No. 1045 in 1989 and in 2001 joined the Royal and Select Masters in De Tabley Council No. 42. As far as the Ark and Mark are concerned, David was advanced in Stamford Mark No. 148 in 1977, was WM in 1983 and 2003, appointed ProvGJD in 1986, ProvGMO in 1993, Grand Steward in 2000 and PGJD in 2005.He also became a joining member of East Cheshire Mark Lodge in 1989 and is their current WM. He was elevated in Stamford RAM No 148 in 1992 becoming Commander in 1995 and receiving RAM Grand Rank in 2002. In 2006, David became a founder and Primus Commander of the Cheshire Installed Commanders Lodge.



Appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Senior Warden was W.Bro. Ken Mayer of the Eaton Lodge of MMM No. 1607. Ken has been a widower since his wife Liz died in 2003 and he is very grateful for the support he received from his masonic friends during Liz's fight with cancer and their support and assistance since. He has two children, a boy and a girl and three grandchildren. Ken was initiated into the Thomas Lockett Lodge No. 3371 in 1981 in Macclesfield and is currently the WM of the Craft Cheshire Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 3449. He was advanced into the Macclesfield Mark Lodge No. 964 in 1990 and then became a joining member of the Eaton Mark Lodge No. 1607 and East Cheshire Mark Lodge No. 1468 and was also a founder of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 1825 in 2002.

Appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Junior Warden was W.Bro. Ken Davies of the Middlewich Lodge of MMM No. 902. Ken has been married for 37 years to Shirley. They have two children, like Ken Mayer, a boy and a girl but only two grandchildren. Ken was initiated into Avondale Lodge No 2389 in 1984 in Middlewich . He was advanced into Middlewich Mark Lodge No 902 in 1985 and is currently the D.C. He became a joining member of the East Cheshire Mark Lodge No.1468 and was also a founder of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 1825 in 2002. A Past Commander of Four Cardinal Virtues RAM No 723 , he was also a founder member of the Installed Commanders Lodge. In 1995, Ken walked from John O'Groats to Lands End ,taking 35 days to complete the walk, assisted by his dad Cyril, also a Mark Mason, driving the support vehicle . The monies collected went to the Cheshire Mark Benevolent Fund and to St Luke's Hospice, Winsford .

Grand Mark 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund

At the Cheshire Mark Annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on 17th March 2007, the Provincial Grand Master declared that he would like every Mark Lodge in Cheshire to support the 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund. The primary purpose of the fund is the same as that of the previous Keystone Jewel Fund, which every Cheshire Mark Lodge existing at the time qualified for. That is, to help finance major capital projects and to improve the fabric and quality of Mark Masons' Hall at St. James's Street in London. The new jewel is meant to complement, rather than replace, the current Keystone Jewel so proudly worn by many members of the order and by every Mark Masons' Lodge in the Province of Cheshire.

Newly qualified members and Lodges will receive an entirely new jewel whilst current holders will receive a button to attach to their existing ribbon. For individuals the cost is £100 per member and for Lodges £25 per member. It has been suggested that members may wish to save at the rate of £5 per year over the next five years in order for the lodge to qualify. Full details have been circulated to Lodge Secretaries with the August mailing.

Consecration of Tarporley Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

The idea of forming a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in Tarporley was first mooted by W.Bro. Dennis Burroughs some ten years ago and, although a meeting was convened at the Swan Inn, the idea was not progressed since there was insufficient support at that time. However, ten years on and, again at the instigation of W.Bro. Dennis Burroughs, and with the support of W.Bros. David Littler and David Kinsey the meeting was re-convened. This time, more successfully since a total of 19 would-be founders pledged their support.

As most of the founders were not then Royal Ark Mariners, the majority were elevated in either the Cestrian Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners or the Rivacre Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. As a token of thanks the Worshipful Commanders Noah of both of these Lodges automatically become temporary Honorary members of the Tarporley RAM for their year in office, a practice Tarporley hope will continue in perpetuity.

It was also agreed by the founders that, the PGM, his Deputy, the PG Chaplain and his Deputy and the PGDC attending the consecration be made Honorary members of the Lodge and that the Lodge would hold two meetings per annum, commencing at 6.30pm, at the Portal Premier.

Most of the Lodge's furniture, officer's collars and jewels were donated by the founding members.

The consecration meeting took place at Premier Portal, Forest Road Tarporley - a stunning scenic setting, worthy of any masonic or other occasion. The meeting was extremely well supported with well over 100 Brethren in attendance in the presence of the PGM, the DPGM, and the APGM. The Brethren assembled in the modern 1st floor Lodge Room which has both charm and architectural merit and the meeting commenced at 5pm prompt with a procession worthy of the best of masonic occasions.

The PGM as Consecrating Officer entered with due dignity and took the Chair proceeding to open as the summons stated, "A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners". Following an opening hymn, salutations were offered to the PGM by the brethren. The PGM thanked and addressed the brethren commenting on how appropriate the triangular windows were to the occasion and putting everyone at ease with his characteristically serious and yet very witty repartee.

The Consecration Ceremony was a most interesting affair with 27 items on the summons consisting of some lengthy and complicated ritual which our PGM sailed though with

great and masterly aplomb. The ceremony was impressive and flawless and a great credit to all who took part. Worthy of particular note is our Provincial Grand Organist Bro Keith Rogerson who filled the room with perfect harmony.

Later in the proceedings W Bro David Alldred took the chair and Installed W.Bro David Kinsey RAMGR as the first Commander of Tarporley Lodge No 1522. The ceremony was again faultless and performed with great dignity.

The Worshipful Commander then appointed and invested his officers and the Lodge was closed in Peace and Harmony.

The festive board can only be described as superb with the food, service and ambience emblematical of the best that Freemasonry has to offer.



The Founders of Tarporley Lodge RAM

We wish Tarporley Lodge every success for the future.

Mark Charities - 2007 Update

Since the previous edition of the Cheshire MMM, there have been many diverse and deserving causes which have received support from our Benevolent Fund. This special insert features a number of those who have benefited. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Cheshire Mark Benevolent Fund or our Provincial Grand Charity Steward (W.Bro. Alan Smith) if you are aware of a project which could be helped by the Fund. Your Lodge Charity Representative or Secretary can provide you with contact details.

"Fishing in the Face of Adversity"

On a bright but slightly overcast Wednesday morning in June 2007, a group of Cheshire masons with a common interest in matters piscatorial gathered at Marton Heath, near Congleton for the first meeting of the recently formed Cheshire branch of the Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Club. The meeting was supported by several members of the Club Executive, many of whom had travelled from the southern Provinces to support the event.

The Masonic Trout and Salmon Fishing Club (MTSFC), founded in 2000, is a Registered Charity which aims to bring an interactive fishing experience to mentally and physically disabled people. This is achieved by holding fishing events up and down the country and inviting people from Special Needs Schools, Adult Day Centres and similar places to attend. Participants are introduced to fishing by an experienced fishing guide usually on a one-to-one basis and lunch is provided for them and their carers or teacher. The Club now has branches in 14 Provinces, each hosting 3-4 events per year, which equates to around 500 people benefiting each year from the work of the Club.

Speaking to the CMM about the work of the Club, Bro. John Clough (Area Representative for Cheshire) explained that, having himself experienced disability, it is hard for able-bodied people to fully understand the loss of independence experienced by disabled people. Quoting the Club's website "Disabilities observe no boundaries – so why should the endeavours of the MTSFC?" – the Club provides a great way for those masons with an interest in fishing to give something back to others, and share their interest and passion for the sport with those who might otherwise never have a chance.



During the formation of the Cheshire branch, the Cheshire Mark Benevolent Fund was approached to see if it would support the purchase of a barbeque for use at events in Cheshire. The purchase was approved, and as evinced by many smiling faces at the lunch break, the large hi-tech barbeque is working well.

Further details of the Club can be found at <u>www.mtsfc.co.uk</u> and if your lodge is interested in a talk on the work and activities of the MTSFC, Bro. John Clough would be delighted to hear from you (Telephone: 01270 560888 or e-mail: johnclough@btinternet.com)

A selection of pictures taken at the MTSFC Marton Heath Fishing Day









STOP PRESS: since the event, Bro. John Clough has expressed a wish to become a Mark Mason, and will hopefully be advanced in the coming season.

Stockport Talking Newspaper

For 30 years, the Stockport Talking Newspaper, located within the Eyeline (Stockport Institute for the Blind) building in Shaw Heath, has been bringing the headlines to the local blind and partially sighted people. Now, thanks to assistance from the CPMBF, it is moving quickly into the digital age.

The charity, which records articles from the Stockport Express newspaper and distributes over 200 copies to visually impaired people each week, is to begin using CDs as well as the more familiar 'cassette' tapes. The CPMBF has provided the new digital recording equipment and a supply of blank CDs to see them well into their first year of digital operation.

Our Provincial Grand Master, together with W. Bro's Alan Smith and Paul Bullows recently attended an open evening in the presence of the local MP Mark Hunter and Mayor June Somekh.

The Chairman of the Stockport Talking Newspaper, Vincent Knowles expressed his thanks to the Mark Masons of Cheshire and indeed, notices had been placed around the building reinforcing those thanks!

More information on the charity can be obtained on their website at <u>www.eyelinestockport.co.uk</u>

Pictured here are The Provincial Grand Master, RW. Bro. Bryan R, Ogden, W. Bro. Alan Smith and the Chairman and Board member of the Stockport Talking Newspaper.



Park Lane Special School, Macclesfield



The Deputy PGM with staff and children in the Hydrotherapy Pool

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. David Alldred PGSD and W. Bro. Paul Bullows recently attended an open morning at what really is a special school. Park Lane School in Macclesfield looks after children with a range of special needs and one of the superb facilities they have there is the hydrotherapy pool.

Children enjoy using the pool on a regular basis allowing them to exercise safely whilst enjoying the warm water. What they really needed to make the pool better was mood lighting and music!! And that is where the CPMBF came in, by providing funds towards the cost of the necessary equipment consisting of special enclosed banks of coloured strobe lighting and speakers, all connected to a dedicated tablet PC mounted on a convenient wall.

Staff can load and play any music in MP3 format onto the system, and the software does the rest, providing soothing ambient music and coordinated mood lighting.

The children and staff love it, and send thanks to all Mark Masons in Cheshire for their generous gift.



Thank You

Nathaniel Watts wishes to thank all Cheshire Mark Masons who kindly sponsored him when he ran in the 2007 London Marathon on behalf of the British Heart Foundation.

He completed the run in 4:34:40 knocking half an hour off the time his younger brother ran in 2006.

Nathaniel is the grandson of, and is pictured here with, W.Bro. Doug Watts, Secretary of Eaton Mark Lodge 1607.

Mark Degree Recognised

The following is an extract from the Grand Master's speech made at the Annual Investiture Meeting held at Grand Lodge on Wednesday 25th April, 2007. These few words are of major significance to the Mark Degree as this is the first time a Craft Grand Master has formally acknowledged our regularity and sovereignty.

"In the course of the memorable and most enjoyable meeting of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, where I was present as a guest of their Grand Master, my brother Prince Michael, I had the opportunity to see also many other long established, well known and respected orders of Masonry to which many Craft members belong and I therefore believe this a good moment for me to say something about them.

The Preliminary Declaration of the Act of Union of the two Grand Lodges in December 1813 says that it was "declared and announced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, that is to say the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch". However, since many members of the Craft are members of these Orders, I am pleased to acknowledge formally their existence and regularity, and in particular their sovereignty and independence.

The best known of these Orders are Mark, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Knights Templar, Royal and Select Masters, Royal Ark Mariner, Red Cross of Constantine, Allied Masonic Degrees, Order of the Secret Monitor and Knight Templar Priests. I also accept the valuable roles these Orders play in providing additional scope for Brethren to extend their Masonic research in interesting and enjoyable ways. The Orders I have just mentioned are simply the best known and largest of those practised in London, the Provinces and Districts overseas. I am aware there are in addition others that have a valid place in Freemasonry and with whom we enjoy a good relationship. What is very important is that Brethren who join these other Orders should retain their membership in a Craft Lodge and I am pleased to know that the Orders themselves will be encouraging their members to do this".

REPORT TO MARK BOARD ON THE MOBILE OSTEOPOROSIS SCANNING SERVICE (MOSS)

The following is an extract of the report was given by R.W.Bro. Nigel Buckingham, Deputy President of the General Board at the Communication of Grand Lodge held on 12th June, 2007.

"Since the commitment to donate three million pounds to the National Osteoporosis Society (NOS) was made at the Royal Albert Hall in October 2006 the sum of £350,000 has been released of which £200,000 has been expended. The proposal by NOS gave background information on the incidence of painful and disabling fractures of the hip and spine due to osteoporosis, which occurs in almost 1 in 2 elderly women, and 1 in 5 elderly men. Diagnosis of the disease is essential in order to institute preventative measures and treatment for those at risk. Osteoporosis is diagnosed by dual energy x-ray scanning (DXA). At the time of the proposal there was insufficient DXA scanner provision in the National Health Service (NHS), with areas of the country where there were long waits for an appointment, and long journey times to hospitals with a scanner, particularly for those from rural areas.

The proposal was to construct up to ten mobile scanning units each comprising a 26-foot truck fitted with DXA scanning equipment to be sited in target regions where there was perceived to be the greatest need. The first scanner was built in time to be exhibited outside the Royal Albert Hall in October last. Following the donation, the National Osteoporosis Society formed a limited company (MOSS), as a registered charity to administer the mobile service and commission further scanners in due course. A project manager Mr. Richard Munro was appointed and is advised by an expert task group. It was intended to use the first scanner in the Sussex/Surrey area as a pilot scheme before commissioning units.

Earlier this year negotiations were conducted with Health Authorities in the area and the following difficulties became apparent:

- Primary Care Trusts who have the power to commission scans are currently being reorganised and many commissioning officers are not in place.
- Commissioning officers who are in post are waiting for decisions of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence, and the Quality Assurance Framework Executive, which will give guidance on scanning and budgets.
- The Government has recently funded Diagnostic Services contracts with private companies such as ATOS and Mercury Health, who will shortly be providing the mobile service we envisaged.
- Government money has been made available to hospitals to purchase scanners, and this has occurred in the East Surrey and Sussex NHS Trust at Redhill where NOS had identified a shortfall.

Conclusion: While the unanticipated increase in NHS and private provision of scanning for Osteoporosis is to be applauded, the MOSS project should not replicate or compete with existing or developing new services. The background to the initial proposal of clearly defined areas of deprivation which would automatically welcome a mobile service has dramatically changed. Before commissioning any further scanners a fundamental review and appraisal of this changing scenario must be made, and this will be undertaken by NOS market researchers from local support groups."

Commemorative Panel to celebrate 150 years of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons

The announcement by Grand Mark Lodge of the celebration of 150 years of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons prompted a suggestion from W.Bro. Cyril Robinson to our PGM, that the Province should mark the event within Cheshire itself. With the Province's long and distinguished association with the Mark degree, a permanent symbol was thought fitting.

Reference to the list of Past Provincial Grand Masters will show that in the latter part of the 19th Century, the Egertons of Tatton held the office and during the 20th century, the Leicester-Warren family also provided two leaders. In particular, the last of the Leicester-Warrens (namely RW Bro. J.L.B.) donated the original buildings and land for the use of Knutsford Freemasons. The museum and library at the Leicester Warren Hall therefore seemed a fitting place to house the commemorative item. It was proposed that this should take the form of a panel, incorporating photographs, jewel and token all relevant to the occasion.

A small working group was established, to design, manufacture and install the commemorative panel in the museum. Our PGM suggested that his immediate predecessor, RW Bro. Benjamin Addy. Assistant Grand Master should be included on the panel. The A.G.M. readily accepted the invitation and advised that it would also be fitting to include the MW Grand Master, the MW Pro Grand Master and the RW Deputy Grand Master. He also offered to obtain photographs of the foregoing and provide a commemorative jewel and token. RW Bro Addy has also presented to the library copies of Andrew Prescott's book "Marking Well", and the commemorative programme, given to all Brethren who attended the 150th celebration at the Royal Albert Hall, London in October 2006.

The panel was manufactured by W.Bro. Rob Ashley (622); the gold lettering was carried out by W.Bro. David Topp (902) and the final installation in the museum was carried out during the closed season by W.Bro. Robert Hall (622). The panel was unveiled at the meeting of East Cheshire Mark Lodge in March 2007. W.Bro. Cyril Robinson (622 & 1468) was the Menatschin for the project. Funding for the panel was shared between the Knutsford Mark Lodges (Warren de Tabley No. 622 and East Cheshire No. 1468). Thanks are also due to our PGM for his enthusiastic support, encouragement and guidance during the course of the project.





Middlewich Mark Lodge Sunday Lunch

On Sunday 8th July 2007 Worshipful Brother Ian Urquhart (Master of Middlewich Mark Lodge) and his wife Wendy (inset) put on an amazing Sunday Lunch in a Marquee in the grounds of their home at Swettenham which was well attended by Lodge Members and their Ladies.

A substantial amount of money was raised for the Cheshire Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund by holding a Duck Race in the river and a Raffle. After time then spent wandering around the grounds the day came to an end with Afternoon Tea which was enjoyed by all present.

"Spreading Happiness"

This year's Mark Masters Dinner held in May at Middlewich Masonic Hall was a most enjoyable evening. All Mark Lodges in the Province were represented and over 120 dined.

Our PGM, DPGM and APGM were all in good form, circulating amongst the brethren and enjoying a hearty mix of topical banter, embracing both the serious and the humorous. A buoyant atmosphere prevailed throughout the festive board with excellent food and service and a raffle in aid of the Cheshire Mark Benevolent fund raising \pounds 875.

Our PGM Bryan Russell Ogden addressed the brethren saying that the change of evening had enabled two more Lodges to be present and he welcomed them for the first time.

Commenting on membership, he advised that whilst our membership had increased this year, concern was expressed at the lack of Advancements for some Lodges (25% of Mark Lodges and 33% of RAM Lodges did not have a candidate last year). This would reflect directly on the number of Grand and Provincial Grand Ranks available to confer in the future. As all Craft Masons are eligible to join the Mark Degree the simple message was, "if you have asked a candidate before, please ask again" and why not try a Friendship Meeting with guide packs being handed to all Masters.

Whilst all new members are most welcome, younger brethren would certainly keep us on track for the future with those in their 30's 40s' helping to reduce considerably the average age of our membership which is currently 66yrs in Mark and 68yrs in RAM.

All Mark Masons are eligible to join a RAM Lodge and now would be a good time to support the Province and join this most interesting and friendly degree.

A proactive approach is what we need to keep our membership increasing and Lodges should always keep the quality and quantity of their work to the highest standards if the Mark and the RAM are to continue to thrive in Cheshire.

Our PGM reflected on the real "buzz" of this most enjoyable evening and having thanked organiser Graham Humphries and his team and all of the brethren, his parting message was for us to go out into the Province and, "Spread this Happiness".

Fifty Not Out!

Celebrating fifty years in the Mark, VW. Bro. Jim McKeeman PGJO was born during 1938 in Dunfermline, Fife.

He was initiated into Lodge Torrie No. 1141 in January 1957 aged just 19! He was further Advanced into the Mark Degree in the same Lodge (as the mark is worked in the Craft and Chapter in Scotland) just three months later!

Down in England, Jim joined the Wythenshawe Lodge No. 532 in 1971 attaining the chair in 1976 and again in 2006. He is also a Past Master of the East Cheshire Mark Lodge No. 1468.

Having served in Cheshire as the Mark Provincial Grand Senior Warden, he received his first Grand Rank in 1986 as PAGDC, was promoted to PGSD in 1995 and PGJO in 2001.

On 3rd May this year, at a very special meeting of Wythenshawe Mark Lodge, 72 brethren gathered to celebrate Jim's 50th Mark birthday. The event was attended by the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Grand Master, two Active Grand Officers and a galaxy of senior masons representing many of the degrees and orders of which Jim is a member. The Provincial Grand Master was in good form, delivering a humorous précis of Jim's history.

At the Social Board, a Scottish raffle was held which raised £440 for a Children's Hospital.

Jim, here's to another fifty!



Notable Dates for Your Diary

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28th September 2007Charity Reps Dinner19th October 2007Neston RAM 25th A6th November 2007Joppa 11 Team Visit8th January 2008Ashlar Mark 1090 Te4-6 April 2008Cheshire Mark Week29th May 2008Mark Masters Dinner

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Grand Master Celebrates 25th Anniversary

MW Bro His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent GCVO was initiated into Freemasonry in 1974 and installed in 1982 as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. 2007 is the Jubilee celebration of his 25 years as our Grand Master - a remarkable achievement. On this very special occasion, we are sure you will all want to join us in wishing our Grand Master a very Happy Anniversary. We are indeed fortunate to have such a committed member of the Royal Family in our Masonic midst - long may he continue to be so. (His Royal Highness is a remarkable man in many other aspects of his life and if you who would like to know more he has a most interesting website <u>www.princemichael.org.uk.</u>)

To commemorate this celebratory year, an official photograph of our Grand Master (reproduced here) has been commissioned by well known photographer Chris Christodoulou, Hon. RCM. Large format hard copies of the photograph suitable for framing, are available directly from the photographer in the following sizes - $18 \times 12" \pm 28.00* / 12 \times 8" \pm 12.00*$ (* inclusive of postage in UK). Contact: Chris Christodoulou, 23, Tithe Barn Close, St. Albans, Herts, AL1 2QD, www.photochris.co.uk.

PGM's Patent Renewed

Shortly before going to press, the Cheshire Mark Mason was delighted to learn that our Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Bryan Russell Ogden, has had his Patent of Appointment renewed for a further 5 years.

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