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Official Visit to Rutland RAM

On 10th January 2018, the Provincial Grand Master, RWBro. Phillip Mann, accompanied by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, made an official visit to the Rutland Lodge of RAM No. 1051. On this occasion, the PGM accepted the Chair when it was offered by the Commander, WBro. Derek Andrews. He then Elevated Bros. Brian Gibbins and Leslie Dobie with the assistance of his team.

The Secrets were explained by the Deputy PGM, WBro. Don Peacock, the Working tools by WBro. Peter Gibson-Leitch and the Address was given by WBro. Keith Harkness. The Provincial Senior Warden, Bro. Brian Golland explained the Nine steps. The PGM had the pleasant duty of presenting a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. David Alcraft.

The evening was completed with an excellent Festive board, with good food and enjoyable company.
On Wednesday 3rd January 2018, Bro. Nitesh Bhundia was Advanced into the St. George’s Lodge of MMM by the WM, Bro. Christopher Packham and his team of officers. It was indeed an excellent ceremony and the candidate responded positively throughout, ably guided by the SD, Bro. Robert Wood. The Secrets were delivered by WBro. Peter Kinder, the Working Tools by Bro. Matthew Bramley and the Concluding Address by WBro. Elliot Harris.

The Festive board continued the evening in the same spirit, with good food and happy conversation. £91 was raised at the Festive board, which was donated to the PGM’s Discretionary Fund.

On Monday 15th January 2018, the Worshipful Commander, Bro. Bob Greenlees, with the assistance of his team of Officers, Elevated Bro. Bruce Ellwood into the Oliver Lodge of RAM No. 751. The Secrets were explained by WBro. Mark Glover, the Working Tools by WBro. Ian Nesbitt and the Nine steps by WBro. John Carter.

WBro. Richard Dimblebee had the pleasant task of presenting a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Kalpesh Chauhan. The proceeding were rounded off with an excellent Festive board.

On Tuesday 16th January 2018, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, WBro. Don Peacock made an official visit to the Howe Lodge of MMM No. 21. At this meeting, the WM, Bro. Geoff Searson and his team of Officers, Advanced Bro. Clive Sparling into the Order. The Secrets were explained by VWBro. Richard Davis, the Working Tools by WBro. Richard Lambert and the Concluding Address was given by WBro. Graham Roper.

The Festive board, had a Scottish flavour, with the WM providing an excellent Ode to the Haggis. £81.70 was raised in the raffle for the PGM’s Discretionary Fund.
Fidelity Lodge welcomes Howe Lodge

On Monday 5th February, the Fidelity Lodge No. 491 welcomed the Brethren from the Howe Lodge No. 21 which has become an annual visit. The attendance was excellent with a total number of 46. The AGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison was in attendance as an Honorary member. Also present, was the PDepPGM, VWBro. Ghanshyam Patel and five other Grand Officers. The WM, Bro. Tom Lee and his team of officers, Advanced Bro. Dean Monks into the Order, as shown here with the Wardens, WBro. Stephen Smith and Bro. Paul Brinkworth. The Secrets were presented by WBro. Tony Jones and the Working tools by Bro. Michael Trevelyan. On this occasion, the WM gave the Concluding address. The AGM presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Robert Cartwright with a comprehensive explanation of its contents. The Festive board continued the spirit of the evening and £137 was raised in a raffle for the PGM’s Discretionary Fund.

Stony Gate Mark Valentine evening

On Saturday night, 10th February 2018, Stony Gate Mark Lodge held their annual Valentine evening at the Scraptoft Golf club. The AGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison and the PGM, RWBro. Philip Mann, were both in attendance, a record 133 in all. The raffle raised £700 which was donated to the PGM’s Discretionary Fund. The evening was a great success with good food and excellent company.

Our thanks go to the organiser, WBro. Ian Needham and all those who assisted him. Also, our thanks to the Quiz organiser, Bro. Phillip Wood, who produced a colourful booklet for each table to fill in.
East Goscote’s 80th anniversary

On Tuesday 27th February 2018, the East Goscote Mark Lodge No. 970 held their regular meeting, which was also their 80th year of continued working. The PGM, RWBro. Phillip Mann was in attendance, together with the AGM, RWBro. Stephen Davison, the Past DGM, RWBro. Michael Herbert, the Past PGM, RWBro. Anthony Morris and four other Grand Officers. The WM, Bro. Norman King and his Officers, Advanced Bro. Mark Nutting into the Order of Mark Master Masons. The Secrets were presented by WBro. Gordon Richardson, the Working Tools by the WM and the Concluding Address by Bro. Richard Barnett. The AGM was elected as an Honorary member which was confirmed with acclamation. The PGM was presented with a copy of the History of the East Goscote Lodge No. 970 by WBro. William Hutchison who had produced it.

An excellent Festive board followed with good food, wine and jovial company. Both members and guests, each received a pen, engraved with the name of the East Goscote Lodge. Bro. Monty Katchick had also made chocolate emblems of the Square and Compasses for all those present. A celebration cake was cut by the WM and distributed as a finale to the evening.

Stony Gate Mark Lodge-Installation

On Friday 9th March 2018, Bro. Carl Windram was Installed into the Chair of the Stony Gate Lodge No. 751. The Provincial Senior Warden, WBro. Brian Golland was in attendance to observe the occasion, skilfully carried out by the WM, Bro. Peter Wright and his Officers. The Address to the Master was given by WBro. Derrick Swinfield, to the Overseers, WBro. Les Shoebridge and to the Brethren, WBro. Geoff Hibbert. The Working Tools were presented by WBro. John Smith.

An excellent Festive Board completed the evening, where £61 was raised in a raffle and donated to the PGM’s Discretionary Fund.