



Season's Greetings from the Provincial Grand Master

Brethren of the Mark Province of West Yorkshire and your families. On the 10th of December we gathered at the Central Methodist Church in Brighouse to attend our annual Family Carol Service which once again was a resounding success. For my wife Pamela and I this always marks the start of our Christmas and brings to mind the true meaning of this special time the celebration of Gods ultimate gift: the birth of Jesus, the Christ Child.

During 2023 our Mark Province has achieved a great many remarkable feats. R.W. Bro. Jim Steggles our Provincial Grand Master since 2012 guided us to what was probably the greatest achievement, the finale of our 2023 MBF Festival, a finale at which we were able to realise the results of the hard work of the previous seven years with the announcement of the amazing total sum raised of £1,580,445. This money will be used by the Mark national charity the Mark Benevolent Fund for the betterment of everyone.

I was honoured on the 28th October 2023 to be Installed as the new Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of West Yorkshire and I look forward to the coming years and the opportunity to continue building on the good work of my predecessors.

As 2024 starts to unfold and my new team of Officers become established in their roles, I hope to unveil several projects which I hope will garner your support. The Jewel in our Crown the Cleeves and Whitehead Trust which supported our 2023 MBF Festival so magnificently is at the forefront front of my mind, I hope to have the support of everyone to rebuild its funds to be used going forward for projects to support our West Yorkshire Brethren.

The terrible days of the pandemic had a devastating effect on our membership numbers which are now only just slowly beginning to recover. I will be augmenting the already established recruitment programme "The Magic of the Mark" because the life blood of our Lodges are the candidates which they are able to attract, it is also essential that we retain these candidates to rebuild our numbers and reestablish Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire. Membership retention will only happen when we are having fun, we are renowned in the Mark for the enjoyment we have together, so that is what we will do, have some fun, by increasing the events across the province and making them inclusive for everyone. I will make every effort to ensure that there is a smile on the face of every Mark Masons across our Province.

Pamela and I would like to thank you all for the many messages of support we have received since my installation as Provincial Grand Master and we now in return wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous but above all Healthy New Year.

God Bless you all and Mark Well.

Trevor