

At the Communication of Grand Mark Lodge on Tuesday 8th March 2016, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Richard Victor Wallis, JP, announced the retirement of RW Bro. Keith Emmerson as Deputy Grand Master after serving two years in that post. The Pro Grand Master thanked RW Bro. Emmerson for his enthusiasm and commitment to the Order during his time as Deputy Grand Master and wished him well in his retirement from active office.

As a consequence of RW Bro. Emmerson's forthcoming retirement, the MW Pro Grand Master announced the following appointments:

- RW Bro. Raymond John Smith, Assistant Grand Master as Deputy Grand Master
- RW Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, President M.B.F. as Assistant Grand Master
- RW Bro. Dr John Lawson William Wright, RD, FRCS will succeed RW Bro. Prizeman as President of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

All three Brethren will be invested by the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the June Investiture meeting.