

WILTSHIRE ANCHOR LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS

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Annual Report for 2016 /17

Our year for May 2016 – Feb 2017 began with our Installation Ceremony. Brother Peter Marsh was installed as W. Commander by W.Bro. Jeremy Day; a very happy occasion. W.Bro. Marsh then appointed and invested the officers. The keystone jewel was presented by W.Bro. Richard Evans and the charity collaret by W.Bro. Stuart Hambleton.

At our September meeting we were without a candidate, so W.Bro Richard Evans delivered a lecture written by W.Bro. Vic Brown, entitled “ The Porphyry Stone” which was very well received by all the brethren present.

In November we were again devoid of a candidate so the W. Commander and his officers carried out an enactment of the elevation ceremony in a sincere manner.

Unfortunately again in February no candidate had appeared, so an explanation of the RAM Tracing board was given by W.Bros. S. Hambleton, P Marsh, R Evans and M James which was much appreciated by all the assembled brethren.

I would just like to mention that although no candidates were available this year, there remains a very positive attitude in the lodge and we are hopeful that because our Mark Lodge has had some advances during the current year there may be hopefully some good prospects of recruitment from that direction in the future.

The one thing that is a worry though is poor attendances at our meetings, but although this is a general trend, it is none the less, a very great concern.

With those remarks I close my report.

Richard J Evans