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**Robbie Burns Lodge of Mark Master Masons Newsletter
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From the Master

My Brother Mark Master Masons Robbie Burns Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 76 is alive and well,

The Installation on 3rd February was a great night and brought back many memories of my Installation at Jubilee No 50 back in 1978 and I am sure many of long gone Mark Men were with us on the night. My thanks to Right Worshipful Bro Paul Rigby J.G.W and his team for a great job and to all who attended and gave me their support on the night.



**Installing Master Rt.Wor. Bro Paul Rigby J.G.W
Proposing the toast to the Master**

The March meeting was our first working night . We were honored with a visit from our Grand Master M.W.Bro Bill Jones who came to witness the Advancement of Bro Fadi Badra who proved to be an excellent candidate.. I congratulate the team on a great job well done everyone..

The Great News is that we are well on target to increase our membership with another candidate for advancement at the May meeting and a Joining member, This is great news keep promoting this Beautiful Degree Brethren and we will restore this fine old Lodge to its former glory—The Secretary has as many Advancement Forms as you may need,



The M.W Grand Master Bro Fadi and the W.M

The Wisdom of Pooh

Sometimes Piglet you can't just sit in your corner of the forest and wait for people to come to you. Sometimes you have to go to them and make them want to come to you its called PROMOTNG



Thank You Barry



Wor. Bro. Barry Wootten

When Wor. Bro. Barry was Installed as Master in November 2019 who would have thought he would remain in that position until February 2022.

But remain here he did and continued to do all within his power to keep his Lodge alive during the COVID crisis. With Zoom meetings and regular phone calls to Brethren he did a fantastic job above and beyond the call of duty.

For this devoted service we extend our heartfelt thanks - for those that don't know not only is Barry not in good health himself but he also cares for twin Brother Eric our Choir Master and on top of this he has given outstanding service to Our Lodge. For which The Robbie Burns Lodge of Mark Master Masons will long remember. Thanks Barry.

From the Secretary



A big Thank You to the Brethren that helped me set up pack up and clean up as they say many hands make light work,

What a great first working night and how good we have another candidate and a joining member for the May meeting. We are well on track keep up the good work.

Just a reminder Fees are now due and as you know money makes the world and this Lodge go around. Should also mention what a great rehearsal night with 15 members present and yes I have plenty of Advancement Forms,



MARK RITUAL

So why is the Mark so central to Freemasonry? It is sometimes said to be an extension of the Second Degree in the Craft. But this rather simple assertion belies the fact that the ceremony of admission, called Advancement, is longer in content than the Third Degree. As previously mentioned, the present ceremony is derived from the earlier practice of conferring the degree of Mark Man on Fellowcrafts and the degree of Mark Master on Master Masons.

The ceremony of Advancement is based on the preparations for the building of KST and follows the fate of an ambitious craftsman (the candidate) seeking promotion in his trade by demonstrating his skill and ability. In the early part of the ceremony his talents go unrecognized and his hopes are dashed but eventually he triumphs over adversity and is justly rewarded for his work. It is a wonderful ceremony containing elements of drama and humor, and, above all, strong moral lessons. The concept of Masons as "living stones" being built into a spiritual house, in parallel with the construction of the Temple, is a powerful theme in the Degree.

Additionally, the Mark Degree, allows the Mason to more fully appreciate the structure and beauty of Solomonic Masonry as revealed in the Royal Arch Degree

