



GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

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W. Bro Anthony Goater
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Dear *Bro Tony.*

Following my visit last Tuesday I write to ask you to convey my thanks and appreciation to both the Worshipful Commander and the Worshipful Master and all the members of both the Installed Commanders and Installed Masters Lodges for the warm welcome, excellent ceremony and fine hospitality extended to me at the delightful Masonic Hall in Southend when it was an honour to share with all the Members the Installation of W. Bro John Finlay and to be present for the variety of agenda items in the Mark.

The splendid Secretaries Table Cloth will be something to admire for a long time to come, how generous of the family of our late W. Bro John Edwards.

I must congratulate you, along with others, for the fine arrangements for the evening and the Festive Board, it really was a most enjoyable occasion.

It was a delightful evening in every way and it was an honour and privilege to be present and I very much appreciated having the opportunity to Address the meeting and to wish you all a happy return to our meetings now we are permitted to do so.

I have not yet sampled the fruit gins presented to me by the Provincial Grand Master but I have been practicing my guide to 'Essex Lingo' and have mastered many of the words but struggling slightly with 'wodja rekkun' and 'alma chizit' but by my next visit over the Thames I will be more proficient.

I wish the Province and the Lodges a happy, enjoyable and successful future and from the buzz of conversation and conviviality during the evening I am certain the year ahead will be a happy one.

Having had such an enjoyable evening in the company of the Members of the Lodge I feel even more certain the future for our Order is rosy.

My very best wishes to all
Yours sincerely and fraternally

RAYMOND J SMITH Pro Grand Master, GLMMM