

Ian David Clark Worshipful Master Dionysos Lodge No. 9716 1946 – 2017

Ian David Clark was born on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1946 in Ashford, Kent.

He was a professional musician with his instrument of choice being the keyboard. Ian travelled all over the world as part of a very successful 5 piece band called appropriately enough 'Acropolis' and during his career entertained the American Forces and visited several countries in Africa.

Ian was Initiated into Wakefield of Hythe Lodge No 6059. Province of East Kent, on the 11 March 1997 and over subsequent years progressed through the Offices until in 2007 he was appointed J.W. of that Lodge.

In June 2007 Ian and Diana moved to Cyprus to live purchasing a house in Letymbou Village, Paphos Area.

He joined Dionysos Lodge on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011 and in 2012 he was appointed I.G., then over the following few years he progressed to S.W. before being Installed as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in April 2016. He was still the reigning Master at the time of his passing to the Grand Lodge Above.

Ian was also a Joining member of Peace and Harmony Lodge No 9852.

With his musical talents Ian was also well known for entertaining guests in some of the Local Paphos Hotels.

Ian sadly passed away on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 after marrying his partner of 38 years Diana earlier the same day.

His funeral was held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St Paul's by the Pillar Church in Paphos and the Church was filled by friends and Brethren wishing to pay their respects. The Eulogy at the service was delivered by W. Bro David Burrows, Chaplain of Dionysos Lodge who said,

## " The man I knew as Ian David Clark can be summed up in five words, **He was a nice man**.

I first met Ian when he became a member of Dionysos Lodge on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011. This date I later found out was also Ian's birthday and it turned out he was a day older than me. At the September meeting festive board last year (2016) we sang happy birthday to him.

Ian took his Freemasonry very seriously and later also became a joining member of Peace & Harmony Lodge of which I am a founding member. I know that I speak for all the members of both Lodges when I say to Diana and all the members of Ian's family how sorry and sad we are at your loss. However, Ian was not one for sadness, he always came across as a happy and jovial fellow. He was always the first to lend a helping hand to anyone who he thought had a problem and never had a bad word for anyone. He never let his deafness get him down even if you teased him about it. He was well respected in his life and his legacy will be the happy memories we all have of him."

Final prayers, the committal and the interment of Ian's body were thereafter held at the Letymbou Village cemetery, Paphos area.

Ian is survived by his wife Diana and his son Christopher

He was taken from us far too soon, a decent man and Brother. He will be sadly missed.