

# PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF SURREY



## Minutes, Reports and Accounts

Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge 2025

Held at Croydon District Masonic Halls, Oakfield Road, Croydon, Surrey,

on Saturday 15th March 2025

There were present:

R.W. Bro. John V C French, Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. William R Barr, P.G.J.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W. Bro. William A Caughie, P.G.J.O., Assistant Provincial Grand Master and W. Bro. John Massey, P.G.J.D. Assistant Provincial Grand Master and 9 members of the Past Executive, 12 Provincial Grand Masters, 5 Deputy and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, 9 Assistant and Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, 26 other honoured guests, (See Appendix A), and 170 Surrey Mark Masons, all of whose names and ranks have been duly recorded – a total of 226 Brethren, of whom 183 dined.

At 10.30am, a procession of distinguished visitors from other Provinces together with members of the Past Executive entered the Temple.

The Provincial Grand Master then entered in procession with the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year.

1- At 10.45am Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted and welcomed all present.

### 2- In Memoriam

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Chaplain to read the names of the brethren of the Province who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above since our last Provincial meeting.

The Provincial Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. Les Grout, read the following names and then offered a prayer:

Died	Name	Surname	Lodge	Lodge Name
26th April	Kevin Maurice	Huggett	1576	Bond of Friendship
28th June	Robert Greer	Kirkwood	1111	Woodgrange
1st July	Stephen Frank	Phipp	1917	Cranleigh Centenary
3rd August	Dudley Richard	Smith	1669	Collingwood
25th August	Paul Stephen	McNaught	505	Noel
26th September	Keith Brian	MacLean	442	Weyside
30th September	John Frank Peter	Adlam	955	Pleydell Bouverie
22nd November	Ronald	Tuffey	1268	Coulsdon Loyalty
23rd November	David Hendry Allan	Milne-Leith	451	Bolingbroke
4th December	Roland Sylvester	Scarlett	1738	Pride of Surrey
15th January	Raymond Charles	Horton*	1738	Pride of Surrey (Hon)
11th February	Thomas Wilkie	Adam	1314	Weald of Surrey

The Brethren then sang the hymn "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended"

### 3- Welcome to Distinguished Guests of the Province

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master welcomed the distinguished guests of the Province and expressed his hope that all our guests would also enjoy the hospitality of the Province. The Surrey members then showed their appreciation with enthusiastic applause. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master also welcomed 14 newly Advanced brethren who were presented with a special pin badge and a beer voucher.

#### **4- Minutes 2024**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon W. Bro. William R Barr, Deputy Provincial Grand Master who proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on 16th March 2024, having been published on the web site and available at the Secretary's table, be taken as read, confirmed and adopted. This was seconded by V.W. Bro. William Caughie, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and confirmed by the members.

#### **5- Roll of Active Provincial Grand Officers**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to call the roll of the active Provincial Grand Officers. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that, with two exceptions that had sent their apologies and reason for absence, the active Provincial Grand Officers were in attendance.

#### **6- Roll of Lodges**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to call the roll of Lodges in the Province. The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that all the Lodges in the Province were today well represented.

#### **7- Travelling Keystone**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to ascertain that the Travelling Keystone had been brought into Provincial Grand Lodge and to cause St Andrews Lodge No 806 to return it. It was presented to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master by W. Bro. Michael Prentice.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master commented that the Travelling Keystone had been prepared as an initiative to encourage Visiting and promote the exchange of goodwill and fellowship between Lodges in the Province. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies ensured that the Keystone was placed on the Secretary's table.

#### **8- Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report and Accounts**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Treasurer for his Annual Report. The Provincial Grand Treasurer confirmed that he had previously submitted his Annual Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024, which are available on the Provincial web site.

There being no questions, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Senior Warden for a proposition.

The Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W. Bro. Mark Guzam, proposed that the Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024, as available on the Provincial web site, be taken as read, adopted and entered in the minutes. The proposition was seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W. Bro. Martin Baker, and carried.

#### **9- Provincial Grand Registrar's, Provincial Grand Secretary's and Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Reports.**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master announced that the Provincial Grand Registrar's, Provincial Grand Secretary's and Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Reports had been published on the Provincial Website. W. Bro. William R Barr, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, proposed that the

reports be taken as read and approved. This was seconded by W. Bro. John Massey, Assistant Provincial Grand Master and confirmed by the members.

### **10- Election of Provincial Grand Treasurer**

The Provincial Grand Master announced that only one nomination for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer had been received, that being V.W. Bro. Ray Seeley, FCA, with no other nominations, he declared W. Bro. Seeley duly elected.

Annual Dues-

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Treasurer for his report in respect of the Annual Dues payable to Provincial Lodge. The Provincial Treasurer confirmed that the charge to members payable this September (2025) will remain at £7 for both Mark and RAM degrees. He advised that there would be no increase to the dues for the year commencing 1st September 2025 which are payable on 1st September 2026.

### **11- Election of the Audit Committee**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Senior Warden for a proposition in respect of the Audit Committee. The Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W. Bro. Mark Guzam, proposed that W. Bro. Andrew G Sales, Bro. Robert Smythe and Bro Szymon Zaborski, be elected to the Provincial Audit Committee for the ensuing year: The proposition was seconded by the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W. Bro. Martin Baker and carried. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master appointed W. Bro. Sales to be Chair of the Committee.

### **12- Re-appointment of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master announced that he was delighted to re-appoint W. Bro. William R Barr, P.G.J.D. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the ensuing year, with thanks for his continued support throughout the previous year.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was then saluted, and he responded accordingly.

### **13- Re-appointment of Assistant Provincial Grand Masters**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then re-appointed V.W. Bro. William A Caughie P.G.J.O. and W. Bro. John Massey P.G.J.D., as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, with thanks for their support during the previous year and all that they continue to do on behalf of the Province.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters were then saluted, and V.W. Bro. William Caughie responded accordingly.

### **14- Appointment and Investiture of brethren receiving Provincial Grand Rank**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the names of those Brethren appointed to and promoted in Mark Provincial Grand Rank and those receiving Provincial Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read the names of:

35 Brethren appointed to active rank	33 invested
19 Brethren promoted in past rank	10 invested
5 Brethren appointed to past rank	3 invested
9 Brethren appointed to Prov.R.A.M.G.R.	7 invested
A total of 71 Appointments	53 invested

At the conclusion, the Brethren of the Province of Surrey below the rank of Provincial Grand Officer saluted the newly appointed Provincial Grand Officers with three, under the direction of the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

### **15- Provincial Grand Master's Address**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then addressed Provincial Grand Lodge, (A copy is attached to these minutes).

### **16- Charity Collection**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master announced that the Charity Collection would be donated to the Surrey Mark Benevolent Fund. During the collection, the Hymn "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" was sung. The collection raised £1,101.22, with an additional amount from Gift Aid of £227.31.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to present the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, W. Bro. Alan Brockwell to him. W. Bro. Brockwell then presented a cheque for £3050 to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master which was the proceeds from the Used Regalia sales.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to present W. Bros Jack Love, Graham Walder, Stephen Dingvean, John Woodville, Des Franklin and Bro Peter Skoglund to him. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then presented them with MBF Collarettes in recognition of their support to the MBF.

### **17- Any Other Business**

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that he had received apologies for absence and best wishes for a happy meeting from a number of Right Worshipful Brethren and other Distinguished Brethren from this and other Provinces.

### **18- Closing**

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 12:30pm

The first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master retired in procession with his Executive, followed by the distinguished guests, under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, while the Provincial Grand Organist played "Land of Hope and Glory".

R.W. Bro. J.V.C. French,  
Provincial Grand Master.

## Provincial Grand Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Accounts as Provincial Grand Treasurer, for confirmation by members of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The dues received in the year were charged at £6.00 per member for both Mark and RAM. The overall paying membership in Mark decreased by 1 from 930 to 929. RAM numbers increased from 630 to 649. All dues had been paid by the year end.

The advertising revenue represents proportionate charges to other orders for their pages in the yearbook, and copies of the yearbook provided to them. There were no costs for the revised website costs which had been £4,860 in the previous year, and part recovery of those costs (£454) was made from Companion orders.

The Annual meeting costs showed a slight increase overall. There were increased costs for honoured guests, but an increase in the meal charge to members resulted in a smaller shortfall in meal costs.

Overall the Province made a surplus of £4,096 as against the surplus of £615 in the previous year.

In the year ending 31st August 2026, the charge to members will continue at £6 per member for both Mark and RAM. At the 2024 Annual Meeting the per capita charge was increased to £7, commencing 1 September 2025, but the Provincial Executive have agreed that this increase will not be implemented. Lodges will no longer be charged for the Yearbook. Although Provincial Funds held have recovered to some extent, they are still only at about two-thirds of the amounts held before Covid.

R M S Seeley FCA

Provincial Grand Treasurer

20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Auditors' Report

We have examined the attached Accounts of the General Fund and in our opinion, they show a true and proper record of the state of affairs of the Fund at 31st August 2025 and of its revenue results for the year ended on that date.

A G Sales FCCA

S Zaborski CA (ANZ)

L H Agulian FCCA

20<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## Provincial Grand Treasurer's Accounts – General Fund

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF SURREY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	This Year		Last Year	
Income	£	£	£	£
Mark dues & registrations		5,810		5,775
RAM dues & registrations		4,046		3,914
Fees of honour		645		1,076
		10,501		10,765
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Cost of year books	1,686		1,525	
Publications	540		150	
Less: Sale of year books	(793)		(900)	
Recovery of web design costs	(454)			
Contributions to costs	(850)		(825)	
	129		(50)	
<b>Annual Meeting Costs</b>				
Hire of temple & equipment	500		470	
Provincial guests	2,495		2,164	
Printing	645		585	
Members' dining costs	5,933		7,036	
Less: Fees received	(5,883)		(6,669)	
	3,690		3,585	
Other meetings	613		60	
New website design costs	0		4,860	
Printing, postage, stationery & website	1,534		1,282	
Bank charges and collection fees	154		201	
Miscellaneous expenses	284		212	
		6,405		10,150
<b>Surplus on year</b>		4,096		615

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF SURREY BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 2025

<b>Assets</b>			
Croydon Masonic Hall shares	5		5
Bank balance - Current Account	232		6,383
Bank balance - Deposit Account	12,500		
Debtors	0		2,017
		12,737	8,405
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Sundry creditors and accruals	(236)		0
		12,501	8,405
<b>Financed by :</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>			
Brought forward	8,405		7,790
Surplus on year	4,096		615
<b>Total Funds</b>		12,501	8,405

## Provincial Grand Registrar's Report

I have great pleasure in presenting my second annual report as Provincial Grand Registrar.

### Membership

As of 31st December 2025, there are 569 Subscribing Members in the MARK Province of Surrey – a decrease of 12 from last year. When membership of more than one MARK Lodge in the Province of Surrey is included, this figure is 888 lodge memberships. 398 members only belong to one Surrey MARK Lodge, so there is ample opportunity for Brethren to broaden number of lodges they belong too.

In the RAM there are 449 Subscribing Members in the Province of Surrey – a decrease of 4 from last year. When membership of more than one RAM Lodge in the Province of Surrey is included, this figure is 612 lodge memberships. 332 members only belong to one RAM Lodge, so again there is plenty of scope for members getting more involved in Surrey RAM.

As of 31st December 2025, there were 39 MARK Lodges in the Province of Surrey. Of these, 34 have Royal Ark Mariner Lodges attached to them. 79% of subscribing members of a Surrey MARK Lodge are also subscribing members of a Surrey Royal Ark Mariner Lodge – 1 percentage point up from last year. There are 5 Surrey Royal Ark Mariner Members that are not Members of a Surrey MARK Lodge.

### Database

During this past year the Provincial Grand Secretary and I have been able to preserve our “data” alignment and reconciliation with GLMMM's Keystone Online Database such that the number of discrepancies in the Membership Records remains negligible. However, as it is the duty of every Lodge Secretary and Scribe to review the Keystone Online Data for accuracy and precision, we are grateful for their efforts in doing that. Whilst we record resignations of members on our database as we are advised of them, Grand Lodge only recognise the resignation once it has been formally announced in open Lodge, therefore there can be a short period of time when the numbers are misaligned. There has been a marked improvement in getting the installation return forms returned within 10 days of an installation meeting – this greatly helps with ensuring information is up to date and maintaining the yearbook. I would like to thank you all for having provided me with your support and assistance, ensuring that the Provincial Records and Database remain up to date.

### Yearbook

The 2025-26 Provincial Yearbook was distributed on schedule in September 2025, (in batches of 5 per Lodge). My thanks to all the Secretaries and Scribes who ensured that their Lodge documentation was returned to me in time to achieve the print deadline. This year we made the decision to post the yearbooks out in order that secretaries and other recipients received them as soon as possible after they were produced.

W Bro John Fitzgerald, G.Stwd.,Prov.G.Reg., R.A.M.G.R.

Provincial Grand Registrar

## Provincial Grand Secretary's Report

I have great pleasure in yet again presenting my annual report as Provincial Grand Secretary.

As ever, I wish to place in record my sincere thanks to all the Lodge Secretaries and Scribes who have worked so hard within their Lodges to submit their Annual returns and Installation Returns on time and completed correctly.

The Secretariat has been busy supporting the visits of the Provincial Executive to Lodges around the Province, we have reverted to visiting the Lodges on the date of their Mark Installation and will be continuing in this manner. The Prov.Dep.G.Sec. W. Bro Garth Blanchard will be co-ordinating these visits.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master presented a 50<sup>th</sup> Year Certificate to W. Bro Chris Davis P.Prov.G.J.W., Prov.R.A.M.G.R. of Weald of Surrey Lodge No 1314 for the Mark Degree.

### GRAND HONOURS 2025

I am pleased to report that the following members of the Province were honoured by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

#### Mark Grand Rank, June 2025

##### First Appointment to Active Rank

John Carl Fitzgerald	G.Stwd.	Richmond	808
Constantine Spiridon Trizis	G.Stwd. *	Bolingbroke	451

##### Appointment or Re-Appointment to Active Rank

Peter Rubie-Todd	G.J.W. *	Frederick Wheeler	1407
Ian Clark	Pres.M.B.F. *	Rose	534

##### First Appointment to Past Rank

Martin George Baker	P.A.G.D.C.	Ditton	1857
Frank Lee	P.A.G.D.C.	Bond of Friendship	1576
Leon Haig Agulian	P.A.G.St.B.*	SIMM	1219

##### Promotion in Past Rank

Perri Ahmet	P.G.J.O. *	Knightsbridge	1878
William Raymond Barr	P.G.J.O.	Warlingham	1321
Jack Love	P.G.S.D.	Hiram	13
Les Smith	P.G.J.D.	Kintore	333

##### Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank

Roy Christopher George Baker		Noel	505
Michael Brian Howarth *		Rose	534
Darren Paul Mantell		Percy	114
Gary Eric Raggett		Collingwood	1669

\*Through another Province or Direct from the Grand Master

We have lost a number of Brethren who have been called to Higher Service, at the time of publication they are:

David Michael Hibbard	Croydon 198
George Zografos	Pride of Surrey 1738
Thomas David Cawte	Warlingham 1321
Robert Shepherd	Weyside 442
Graham Campbell Jones	Pride of Surrey 1738
Michael Campbell Ross Tod	Weald of Surrey 1314
Leonard George Hayward	Noel 505

Peter John Skoglund  
James McDougal Moyes  
Arnold Long  
Adrian Quentin Kidney  
Kevin John Barclay  
Nigel Henry Hare Chillingworth

Percy 114  
Fratres Calami Aerariique 1704  
Coulsdon 1268  
Collingwood 1669  
Percy 114  
Bond of Friendship 1576

We have had successful year with 32 new Mark Master Masons registered since our last Annual Meeting, at the time of publication, and I welcome them to the Mark.

Joseph Mitchell  
David Pyle  
Julien Tidmarsh  
Tony Caney  
Obi Akpotu  
Stephen Barney  
Iain Pompei  
Jewan Singh  
Conrad Watton  
Dexter Berry  
Mark Wells  
Jason Farnfield  
Martin Young  
Stuart Porter  
David Charnley  
David Stevenson  
Kenneth Cottingham  
Vivek Das  
Terrence Berry  
Victor Fakeye  
David Gilmore  
Peter Killick  
Calvin Townsend  
Luke Vinten  
Michael Capitelli  
Hassan Hamdani  
Anthony Willis  
Alberto Cespedes-Sharp  
Timothy Collins  
Michael Holohan  
Darean Dinesh  
Ralph Potter

Percy 114  
Percy 114  
Percy 114  
Croydon 198  
Kintore 333  
Weyside 442  
Weyside 442  
Weyside 442  
Crystal Palace 450  
St Andrews 806  
Richmond 808  
Pleydell-Bouverie 955  
Pleydell-Bouverie 955  
Croham Hurst 1050  
HA Mann 1197  
Curfew 1411  
Lingfield 1419  
Lingfield 1419  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Pride of Surrey 1738  
Pride of Surrey 1738  
Table Fellowship 1841  
Ditton 1857  
Ditton 1857  
Ditton 1857  
Ditton 1857  
Cranleigh Centenary 1917

We have also seen 15 new members to the RAM:

Adrian Holty  
David Poole  
Julien Tidmarsh  
Szymon Zaborski  
Colin Moules  
Peter Long  
Omar Gabr  
Stephen Traynor  
Terry Jennings  
Peter Parker  
David Gilmore  
Thomas Sprawson

Percy 114  
Percy 114  
Percy 114  
Croydon 198  
Kintore 333  
Sutton Surrey 450  
Richmond 808  
Richmond 808  
Stoneleigh 995  
Stoneleigh 995  
Bond of Friendship 1576  
Bond of Friendship 1576

Calvin Townsend  
Asher Baker  
Stephen Underwood

Bond of Friendship 1576  
Pride of Surrey 1738  
Table Fellowship 1841

Would like to bring to the attention of Lodge Treasurers'; Secretaries and DCs the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons. This is an informal Lodge where they can meet their counterparts from other Lodges and have informal discussions with members of the Provincial Executive.

Within the Secretariat we say farewell to W. Bro. Clive Goode with thanks for his service over the past year as Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary.

I conclude my report with thanks to all those who have assisted the Secretariat team in the past year and look forward to serving the Province as Secretary in the year ahead.

David T Clark, **P.G.Stwd.,R.A.M.G.R.**  
Provincial Grand Secretary  
March 2026

## Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Report

Brethren, it is a privilege to submit my first formal report to you since succeeding W.Bro Alan Brockwell. As Alan noted in his final report, he had a "hard act to follow," but thanks to your continued commitment the transition has been seamless. I have been referred to by many nicknames in my capacity as Assistant Charity Steward! I only hope this continues now I am heading up this important element within Surrey Province.

The generosity of the Surrey Mark Masons remains truly impressive. Your support of our events, merchandise, and charity updates within your Lodges is what allows us to make a tangible difference in our community.

### Recent Successes and Fundraising

Our recent events have seen fantastic engagement and results:

- **Cha Di Da (October 2025):** This event at the Reigate Manor Hotel was a resounding success, raising in excess of £2,500.
- **Swimathon (January 2026):** Held at the Guildford Spectrum, the total figure raised is currently being calculated but has already reached £5,000. The energy and participation from W.Bro's. Mike Neville, John Massey and Barrie Selway were invaluable.
- **PRELOVED Regalia:** Enquiries have surged following recent promotions. A special thanks to W. Bro Steve Young, who has been an invaluable asset in storing, packing, and despatching these items.
- **Merchandise:** The NEW Surrey Mark tokens have been distributed to the Executive and various Masonic Centres, with sales continuing to grow. We also continue to sell Hants & IOW Festival jewels. The usual suspects are still in the Charity Steward suitcase; ties, hankies, pens and jewel holders are still available.

### Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) Updates

The MBF continues to provide significant support to worthy causes. within our Province. Recent successful applications include:

- Katies Lymphoedema Fund (KLF): Granted £10,599.
- Cheam Village Girl Guides: Granted £2,873.

Thanks to the nomination and dedicated support from Surrey Mark Masons and Lodges, we continue to suggest Surrey Charities where MBF can make a significant impact.

### **MBF Festival:**

Oxfordshire Province finished their Festival in 2025 with a very impressive £592,120 raised; a great success for a small Province.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Province conclude their Festival 2026 with a celebration event at Old Thorns Manor Hotel on 17 & 18 July 2026. It's not too late to acquire a beautiful Festival lapel pin [£10] or to book in for the event.

### **Grand Master's Keystone Fund**

The Grand Master's Keystone Fund honours over 40 years of dedicated service by our Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO. Your contributions play a vital role in supporting a Bursary Scheme designed to assist and inspire those pursuing educational, vocational, and performance studies. Jewels/buttons are available for each Order administered from Mark Masons' Hall.

### **Shortlisted Charities**

Following our epic success in the 2022 Festival, we continue to ask you for nominations of charities and worthy causes where the MBF can deliver grants to the well deserving and needy cases. Brethren, you have been key in raising this money – let's hear from you how we should be distributing it!

The Provincial Grand Master (PGM) is set to confirm three charities to support, each with a specific fundraising target. Our focus has been on the Man-Van and securing additional tests to identify Prostate Cancer – the most significant health risk for all men over the age of 40. We would welcome suggestions where we can both encourage support for community programmes where we can advertise the benefits of Freemasonry.

We are also looking to identify a specific charity for Regular Giving on a monthly basis.

### **Looking Ahead: 2026 Events**

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming opportunities to support our Provincial charities:

- **MARK PGO Mess:** Friday 27 March 2026 at Surbiton Masonic Hall.
- **MARK Quiz Night:** Friday 29 May 2026 at Nutfield Masonic Hall.
- **MARK Charity Golf Day:** June 2026 (Date TBC).
- **MARK Inter Province Cricket:** July 2026 (Date TBC).
- **MARK PGO Mess AGM:** Friday 11 September 2026.

- **Surrey Mark Charity Ball:** 24 October 2026. John Massey and I are working hard on the marketing and delivery of this project, with a NEW VENUE and accommodation already secured. Information available imminently but please SAVE THE DATE!

We are also investigating new ways to make giving easier, including a GiveTap proposal and a dedicated mobile phone app for payments.

Thank you for all you have done – your generosity has been exemplary. Please continue to fulfil this wonderful service and make a huge difference to those in need.

Des Franklin  
Provincial Grand Charity Steward  
February 2026

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