



A Message from our Assistant Provincial Grand Master



A Glimmer of Hope - Welcome to the 10th Edition of the Surrey Keystone and on behalf of the Executive may I wish you and your families a Happier & Healthier New Year than the last one!

The excitement as we entered 2021 was palpable, two vaccines approved and the first recipients already benefitting from their first injection. Many of us had high hopes that we would be meeting soon and once again enjoy the company of fellow Mark Masons in the temple and around the Festive Board.

Events once again have intervened; our meetings have been put on hold, but we can still keep in touch. A phone call from a friendly Brother can brighten up one's day, especially for the Brother who is not on e-mail or social media. Have you thought about where your next candidate may come from or who he might be? If you're talking to a Brother who is not a Mark Man, now is an ideal time to chat about the Mark. It's a perfect opportunity to introduce the subject and kindle his interest.

Fortunately we can hold Virtual Business Meetings (VBMs) for the members of the Lodge to get together, approve the accounts, make donations and complete the administrative tasks that will enable your Lodge to restart immediately it is permitted, with Elected Masters & Treasurers in place.

A small group of Mark Masters have been working hard to try to entertain you and I would like to express our thanks for their efforts. Just 3 weeks ago we held Mike's Cracking Christmas Mark Quiz. Surprisingly not one correct answer in the name the Santa competition and starting today we have a hamper up for auction, so follow this link and get bidding!
www.peoplesfundraising.com/auction/basket-of-delights

Our Provincial Grand Master has also been working hard as a Trustee of the MBF. The demands on the MBF have never been greater, supporting many struggling charities and Brethren in need. It reminds us why we should be supporting the 2022 Festival and because we have had to postpone or cancel so many fund raising events your donations now are appreciated even more.

Many of you will see a QR code appear on your next summons, an easy way to donate. If you don't see one ask your Secretary or Charity Steward about it.



Suits pressed, shirts ironed, shoes polished, Masonic case packed, your Executive are ready to join you at meetings around the Province as soon as we are allowed. Together we can, and will, make 2021 a good year. Mark Well & Stay Safe.

Richard.

Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly

Congratulations to the Surrey Brethren who received Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank on the 8th December 2020.

Anthony J Callister of Percy Lodge No. 114

Stephen R Jones of Noel Lodge No. 505

Brian G Cotton of Manor of Bensham Lodge No. 1167



Unfortunately the Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner could not take place due to the restrictions on Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

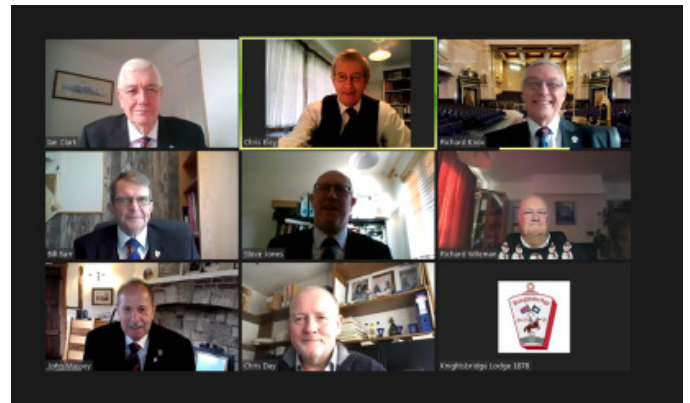
Brethren to be invested with

Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank assumed their new ranks with effect from Tuesday 8 December 2020.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master conveyed his fraternal greetings and his hope that we and our families remain safe and well during this time of national emergency.

The December Meeting of Knightsbridge Lodge

Due to the suspension of Masonic activity the December 2020 Meeting of the Knightsbridge Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1878 was held as a Virtual Business Meeting using the Zoom video conferencing tool.



The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Richard Knox, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present. The Secretary, W.Bro. Bill Barr, then read the Permission to Hold the Business Meeting and the Dispensation.

A ballot was taken for two joining members, W.Bro. Christopher Day and Bro. Ivan Larkin. This proved in their favour and W.Bro. Chris was welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master and all those present.

The next item was to declare W.Bro. Richard Wileman, as Master Elect for 2021-2022, and W.Bro. Tim Ford as Treasurer.

The Charity Steward, W.Bro. Steve Jones, highlighted the charitable events supporting our 2022 Festival, especially the Zoom Quiz organised for the following Saturday. The members agreed to a sponsorship of £500 from the Lodge towards the Festival.

The Worshipful Master thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Bonus Ball Update

Congratulations to the December Bonus Ball winners:

Arnold Long of Coulsdon Lodge; Jim Cranefield of H A Mann Lodge; Steve Phipp of Cranleigh Centenary Lodge; Adam Spevack of Ditton Lodge; Camberley Lodge of RAM; Roger Short of Ditton Lodge; David Else of Pleydell Bouverie Lodge; Kevin Lockwood of Cranleigh Lodge; Dave Clark of Streatham Lodge; Steve Jones of Noel Lodge; Alastair Richardson of Manor of Bensham Lodge; and Gary Raggett of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge.



It's easy to purchase a ball – just click on:

<https://surrey-mark-bonus-ball-online.square.site/>

The Travelling Keystone

Remember the old days when the Travelling Keystone went round the Province?



It seems a lifetime ago that Norman Jones and a team from Bond of Friendship Mark Lodge claimed back the Travelling Keystone from Redhill Mark Lodge at the start of last year.

A lot has happened since then, but we all look forward to when we can meet up again and relieve Bond of Friendship Lodge of the Keystone.

Festival Events Manager

The Chairman of the 2022 Festival Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Brockwell as Events Manager

Alan says "As the Events Manager of the 2022 Festival Committee, I am always ready and available to advise and support your efforts. So if you have something already in the pipeline or just needed a memory jog to put something together, please do feel free to contact me for support, organisationally and with the necessary publicity.

All fund raising, however small, is very important to the Festival cause. So do get your thinking caps on Brethren and put a fund raising/sponsorship plan into action.

Let's get things going Brethren and make our Mark!

W.Bro. Alan Brockwell

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Surrey Mark Auction

Support the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival by bidding in this cheery winter auction event.



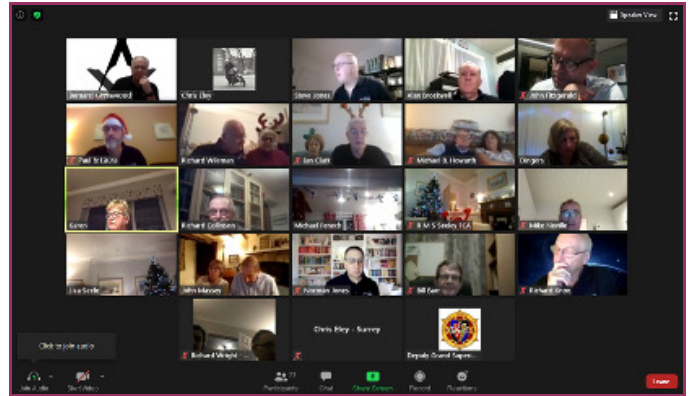
You have a chance to win a fabulous **Winter Hamper** packed with lots of goodies and worth over £60. All the proceeds will go to the Mark

Benevolent Fund to provide speedy support for many worthy causes. To place your bid go to:

www.peoplesfundraising.com/auction/basket-of-delights

Mike's Cracking Christmas Mark Quiz

Following on from the success of the Mike's Marvellous Mysterious Mark Quiz held via Zoom in July, W.Bro. Mike Neville, with the help of W.Bros. Steve Jones and Bernie Greenwood, put together another quiz to raise funds for our 2022 Festival.



As Mike was working in Kurdistan over Christmas the Quiz was very ably run by Steve Jones, our Provincial Grand Charity Steward. Mike joined us from Kurdistan during the quiz. There were 23 teams participating in the Quiz.



At the end of each round there was a prize draw by our in house Santa, W.Bro. Ray Seeley, our Provincial Treasurer.

The star prize was a 12 inch Christmas Rum Cake specially made by our Master Baker, VW.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen of Richmond Lodge of Mask Master Masons.



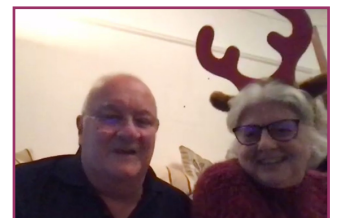
This was won by John and Janice Massey.

All the teams did well in the Quiz but the winners, for the second time in a row, were Richard and Jackie Wileman.



They won a splendid Christmas Hamper, made by Wendy and Alan Brockwell; which they kindly donated to be auctioned to raise funds for our Festival.

In closing the Quiz our Provincial Grand Master said how much he and his wife, Pat, had enjoyed the evening and thanked Mike, Steve, Ray and Bernie for all they had done to ensure a successful Quiz. He also thanked everyone who attended to support the event, those who provided the prizes, and those who could not attend but still supported the event by buying a ticket.



This ensured that our Christmas Quiz raised £1,375 towards our 2022 Festival.