

A Message from W.Bro. John Massey

The sun is shining, summer is here, restrictions lifted and the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF 154th Festival celebration year is underway.

At last, we can expect to enjoy each other's company once again at lodge meetings and social events, as well as having some fun while raising much needed funds for the MBF.

This year's memorable intercounty cricket was one such event, the proceeds of which have been generously donated to the Festival by Middlesex Mark who organised it.

Over the last year or so the 2022 Committee and others have worked diligently to find new and innovative ways to entertain and deliver the Festival mission. The success of virtual activities such as quizzes, balloon racing and raffles, together with new online ways of giving, has been encouraging. My personal thanks go to all those in the team who have worked tirelessly to make these things possible and to all those who have enthusiastically supported the initiatives.

We have also seen inspiring personal endurance challenges, climbing, cycling, and walking which have been well supported and great ideas in action, such as the summer car boot sales and super sport raffle, all raising significant sums.

Now there is an opportunity for Lodges to mark our celebration year with events of their own, perhaps organising a special Festive Board or fundraising initiative. The 2022 Committee is ready to help with advice and support by contacting me directly or through your charity rep.

More activities are in store which we hope will provide something for everyone. This will include a special Burns night supper with partners and friends, the return of the Swimathon and a Christmas balloon race from Lapland. Keep looking out for updates from our excellent Provincial communications team and check out the Provincial web site. And don't forget to book in early for the wonderful celebration Finale next July – tickets are selling fast.

Let us make the most of this 'once in a lifetime' Festival, renew our active engagement and enjoy ourselves remembering that the demands on the MBF have never been greater. It is so rewarding to know that the collective efforts of our members and generosity of friends and family is helping make a real difference to those in need throughout our communities.

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Our Provincial Grand Treasurer is now a Thrice Illustrious Master

In July Waverley Council held their first meeting since the resumption of Masonic activity. Present were the District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. David Blackburn, (*our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master*), the Past District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Arnold Long (*our Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master*), R.III.Comp. Michael Barnes (*our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master*) and many other Surrey Mark Master Masons.



The meeting was opened by the Thrice Illustrious Master, Ill.Comp. Bill Barr (*our Assistant Provincial Grand Master*) who welcomed everyone to the Council, especially the District Grand Master R.III.Comp. David Blackburn who was saluted with 7 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, Ill.Comp. Graham Rawlinson.

The main item on the agenda was to install Companion Ray Seeley as Thrice Illustrious Master. This was done in a very personal and sincere manner by Ill.Comp. Bill Barr.

R.III.Comp. Arnold Long occupied the Chair of Deputy Master, R.III.Comp. Michael Barnes acted as Principal Conductor of the Work and Ill.Comp. Terry Carpenter acted as Captain of the Guard.

After the Council was closed the members of the Mark Provincial Executive, present and past congratulated Ill.Comp. Ray Seeley, our Provincial Grand Treasurer, on being installed as Thrice Illustrious Master.

Following a drink in the bar a most enjoyable festive board was had by all at the Godalming Masonic Centre.

Have you become a 2022 Festival Steward yet?

Stewardship of the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival costs £100, this can be gift aided and donated to the Festival.

In return for a qualifying donation of £100, each Steward will be entitled to a distinctive Stewards' breast jewel and inclusion of their name in the Festival Stewards' Roll of Honour in the Festival booklet.

An application form is available on the website



2021 Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament



On Sunday 18th July 2021 the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex hosted the annual Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament at Radlett Cricket Club, Cobden Hill, Radlett.

This yearly competition and family day brings together teams and supporters from the Mark Provinces of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex with each taking it in turns to host the day. This year it was the turn of the Mark Province of Middlesex. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond their control the Sussex team were unable to attend.

The 2020 tournament was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic so it was especially good to meet up again in the glorious sunshine to enjoy an excellent day's cricket. The Surrey supporters were there in force to support our team in their 2022 Festival polo shirts.

The day saw some entertaining matches. Surrey played well under the captaincy of Kirstin, the Goddaughter of W.Bro. David Lawrence, who played some enthusiastic cricket.

But despite the best efforts of the team, we came third.



Well done to the Surrey team for such a good effort.

In the final, for the Norman Todd Cup, the Middlesex XI batted first and set Kent a challenging target. This proved too much for Kent who had to settle for second place meaning that Middlesex were crowned champions for a further year.

Thanks must go to RW.Bro. Eddie Garty, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Middlesex, and his team for organising a most enjoyable day. Likewise, thanks are extended to the players, umpires, sponsors, and to everyone who attended, for their continued support of this annual event.

A big thank-you from all of us in Surrey to Kirstin who received a special award as the best fielder.

The proceeds of the day will help to swell the 2022 Mark Benevolent Fund Festival which is being hosted by Surrey culminating in a Festival Celebration Dinner on Saturday 2nd July 2022 at the Copthorne Effingham Park Hotel, Gatwick.



Festival News


Super Summer Sport Raffle

The Super Summer Sport Raffle raised well over £1,000 for our 2022 MBF Festival

Congratulations to:

1. Anthony Miller of Cleethorpes who wins the Test Match Tickets.
2. Arnold Long of Banstead who wins the Woking Football Hospitality (*at least he didn't win first prize*)
3. Hothampton Mark Lodge No 703 who win the 4 Ball Golf

Many thanks for everyone's support and effort to promote and make this a success. Especial thanks to Arnold Long, John French and Bernie Greenwood for the prizes; John Massey, Steve and the team for selling tickets; and of course anyone who bought a ticket.

About	When
Featuring great sporting event prizes, our Summer Super Sport Raffle is supporting the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival. All proceeds will go to the Mark Benevolent Fund to provide speedy support to many worthy charities.	From 5th June 2021 at 02:00 AM. Until 20th July 2021 at 07:00 PM.
	20th July 2021 at 07:00 PM draw date
	£5.00 per raffle ticket

Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Centre on Friday 23rd July. This was the first regular meeting of a Province since the resumption of Masonic activity.

Provincial Grand Conclave was opened by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Colin M Beerling, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy.Bro. Ian Bloodworth.



Wy.Bro. Paul D Fitzgerald was reappointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and saluted with five. The Provincial Officers for the year 2021/2022 were re-appointed.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler spoke about the good work that the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies had been doing to support the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival by riding 2022 miles to raise funds for the Festival. In appreciation of this he invited Wy.Bro. Simon McCarthy to present a donation of £2,000 to Wy.Bro.



Ian N Clark, our Provincial Grand Master who thanked the Brethren for their support for our Festival

At the conclusion of the meeting, members of the Province, their visitors and guests sat down to a most enjoyable luncheon in the Elizabethan Suite at Surbiton Masonic Hall.

A big thank-you to Home County Royal Arch Chapter

At the recent Installation meeting of the Home County Royal Arch Chapter No.3451, where many of the Companions are Surrey Mark Masons, a donation of £500.00 towards the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival was proposed and passed by the Companions.



If there are any Mark Masons looking for a great Royal Arch Chapter to join in the Guildford area then you will have to go a long way to find a better Chapter than Home County. They are great guys, love their ritual, and will welcome you

as a long-lost friend. If you are interested then just contact their Scribe E, Steve Guzy via his email: steve.guzy@btinternet.com



Nigel's Sponsored Walk



W.Bro. Nigel Feltham was due to take part in the famous Nijmegen Walk in July 2020, and then again in 2021, in support of our Surrey 2022 MBF Festival; but these were cancelled due to Covid. So, he planned to complete an alternative march over the same days around Surrey from the 20th to the 23rd of July.

As some of you know, Nigel has been rather poorly having been diagnosed with Polymyalgia Rheumatica, so this was quite a personal challenge for him. Before the walk Nigel said *"This walk will be a big challenge for me... most people know I love my walking, especially long distances. The walk will let me know how far I have progressed with my recovery. I will complete the walk over four days, maybe not as fast as I usually go"*.

We are delighted to say that Nigel completed his walk and sponsorship from individuals and Lodges has raised £3,000 so far. It's not too late to sponsor Nigel. Our Provincial Grand Master has agreed to match-fund the donations from your Mark and RAM Lodges – up to £100 each. (*The Lodge's honorific will be credited with 50% of the Province's contribution*) You can also sponsor Nigel personally – follow this link: <https://rcs.mcf.org.uk> and search for MMM2111.

Nigel said, *"I always take part in the Nijmegen marches otherwise known as Vierdaagse. This year, the same as last, was cancelled due to the pandemic. Luckily The Dutch walking authorities set up an app enabling walkers across the world to do the alternative Vierdaagse. This enabled walkers*

to plan their own routes from their own home, or wherever they wanted to start or finish. The app then records the kilometres per day and walkers that complete the four days get a medal.

I walked four different routes from Tuesday, the 20th of July to Friday the 23rd ... each day just over 20 km. The routes can be seen on my social media pages, or in the photos included with this article. I wouldn't be British if I didn't complain about the weather, it was very hot out there ...but that's what the Brits do best... moan about the heat ...moan about the rain that's what's so great about being British.

I would like to thank everyone who met me along the way and also dug deep and sponsored the walk. As you all may know, this walk is for the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival ... a Festival that has been hit hard, as we all have been, by the pandemic".

Nigel's Diary

Day 1

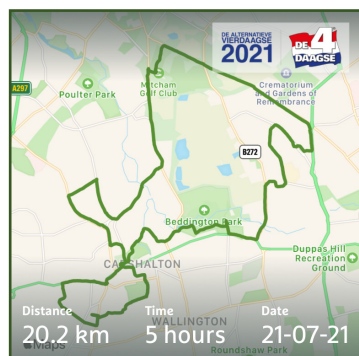
Today I should, like last year, been in Holland to take part in the Nijmegen Marches (Vierdaagse). For the second year running, due to obvious reasons, it has had to be cancelled. Thankfully they have created an App which lets the registered walkers do the alternative Nijmegen in their own country and local surroundings.

I set off for the first of 4 days in support of the 2022 Surrey Mark Festival. Only 20KM a day ... 80 in total but after the year I've had health wise that's far enough. I hope to do each day

in around 4 hours 10am-2pm ... but looking at the weather forecast I may start slightly earlier.

Day 1 of the Alternative Nijmegen complete Phew that was hot!!

Had to have a few pit stops along the way ... thanks to my Brother Chris Feltham for the cuppa... lovely to 'pop' in on two of my former Dentists ... and thanks to Bernie Searle and Georgina Searle for the ice cold squash with 4 1/2 km to go.



Day 2

Today it's Carshalton, Beddington, Purley Way, Mitcham and home. Finished Day 2 of the Alternative Nijmegen 2021. Another scorcher!!

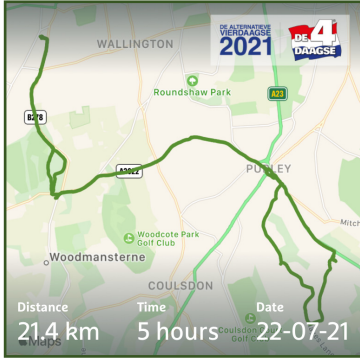
Thank you to my Neighbours Alan and Caroline Last for walking some of the way with our Molly and taking her home again.

Our Provincial Photographer, Chris Eley, who walked part of the way with me taking photos, Stuart De Fraine Ford for stopping and wishing us well; and friend and

fellow Governor at Sutton Masonic Hall, Ken Martin, for walking all the way with me ... thank you all!!!

Tomorrow is Oaks Park, Coulsdon, Purley, Kenley, and home.





Day 3

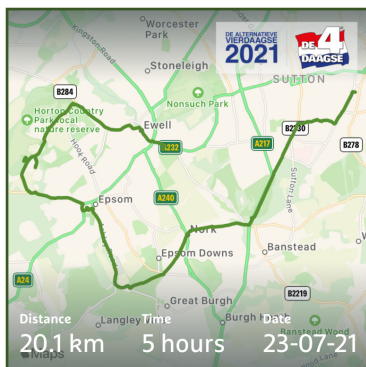
Day 3 of the Alternative Nijmegen complete... another Scorcher ... and starting to feel it today - I must be getting old.

Lovely walk through the Oaks Park, then the Lavender Fields, on to Purley and then Kenley where I was greeted by our Provincial Grand Master, Ian Clark, and his good lady, Pat. Many thanks Sir.

Also, I must thank Chris Eley for the excellent photos.

Onwards towards Coulsdon (where I took a wrong turn) and then back to Purley and Home.

Thank you for all the Sponsorship so far ... the 2022 Surrey Mark Festival needs all the help it can get, with the finale less than a year away - please donate if you can Or encourage your Mark Lodge to donate ... the Province will match that donation (up to £100). Contact/email Steve Jones for more info for Lodge sponsorship. Last day tomorrow



Day 4

Carshalton, Belmont, Drift Bridge, Epsom Racecourse, Horton Park, Ewell and home.

Day 4 and I've completed the walk of the Alternative Nijmegen.

Today was easier weather wise ... but just as tough!! Along the way I met up with Rebecca Palmer @Much, sampled a wonderful cuppa and bacon roll at her new business located at Horton Park Country Club car park (KT19 8PL); and Iain George of OMG

Graphics & Signs who looks after my shop premises, and is building up a successful printing and graphics business.

Lastly thanks to Shelley and Jeff at Sutton Masonic Halls ... for opening the bar early for me so I could rehydrate



A big well-done to Nigel for a magnificent effort on behalf of our Festival.

Remember Brethren that your Mark Lodge donation will be matched (up to £100) by the Surrey Mark Province - our Festival needs YOUR SUPPORT.

Email Steve Jones or follow the Link

<http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/news-0471.html>

Au Revoir to Loyalty Lodge

The last meetings of Loyalty Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons took place on Thursday 15th July 2021 at Croydon Masonic Hall. Present was our Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Ian N Clark, accompanied by our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John V C French, our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro Bill Bar, and a number of Provincial Officers.



The Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Philip Clare, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and his team to Loyalty Lodge. After the Dispensation had been read and the minutes taken a number of administrative items were approved. The Worshipful Commander then invited the Provincial Grand Master to take the Chair. The Provincial Grand Master requested W.Bro. Paul Fitzgerald, ProvGSW, to occupy the Senior Warden's Chair; W.Bro. John Hardy, ProvGJW, to occupy the Junior Warden's Chair. W.Bro. Leslie Grout, to act as Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro. Tim Ford, ProvGSec, and W.Bro. Paul Wicking, ProvGDC, to continue in office, and W.Bro. Des Franklin, to act as Provincial Grand Inner Guard.

After addressing the Brethren of the Lodge the Provincial Grand Master received the Warrant from the Worshipful Commander and requested the Provincial Grand Secretary to retain it in safe keeping. Loyalty Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then closed for the last time and the Lodge was re-arranged for a meeting of Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Philip Clare, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and his team to Loyalty Mark Lodge. After the Dispensation had been read and the minutes taken a number of administrative items were approved. The Worshipful Master then invited the Provincial Grand Master to take the Chair. The Provincial Grand Master requested the Officers who had assisted in the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge to occupy their offices

The Provincial Grand Master spoke about how Lodges were formed many years ago to undertake large building work and when completed they would disband and move on to the next job. He was therefore very pleased that the members of the Loyalty Lodges were all joining the Coulsdon Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Coulsdon Lodge of Mark Master Masons a little later in the afternoon.

The Provincial Grand Master then received the Warrant from the Worshipful Master and requested the Provincial Grand Secretary to retain it in safe keeping and to deliver it to the Grand Master as required.

Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then closed for the last time and the Lodge was re-arranged for the Coulsdon Lodge meetings.



However we may not have seen the last of Loyalty Lodge as there are plans to possibly form a special interest Lodge called Loyalty.....so watch this space...

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey web site: <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/>

Welcome to Coulsdon Lodge

Following the last meetings of Loyalty Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons the members of Loyalty Lodge joined Coulsdon Lodge. Present was our Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Ian N Clark, accompanied by our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John V C French, our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro Bill Barr, and a number of Provincial Officers.



The Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Michael Bushby, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and his team to Coulsdon Royal Ark Mariner Lodge. A ballot was taken for the members of Loyalty Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners to become members of Coulsdon Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners. This proved in their favour and they were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Commander.

W.Bro. Michael Bushby was proclaimed as Worshipful Commander for a further year. After the Officers had been appointed and invested the Lodge was closed and the room rearranged for a meeting of the Coulsdon Lodge of Mark Master Masons.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Tamba John, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and his team to Coulsdon Mark Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Paul Wicking. A ballot was again taken for the members of Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons to become members of Coulsdon Lodge of Mark Master Masons. This proved in their favour and they were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

After the Dispensation had been read W.Bro. Tamba John was proclaimed as Worshipful Master for a further year. After the Officers had been appointed and invested the Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before dining.



In his reply to the Toast to the Provincial Grand Master RW.Bro. Ian said how pleased he was to see so many at the meetings and festive board and wished everyone in Coulsdon Lodge every success in the future.



As is the custom in Mark Festive Boards the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins.

Thank You to the Brother Knights of Surrey



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory of Surrey was held as a Virtual Business Meeting on Saturday 10th July 2021. Attending were many Knights of the Province of Surrey along with distinguished guests from other Provinces.

The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Patrick P Crossan, declared the meeting open and welcomed everyone to the first Virtual Annual Meeting of the Province. After the minutes had been approved and the reports taken the Provincial Prior called upon the Brother

Knights to approve a list of donations to charity: **A donation of £500 was approved by the Brother Knights towards our 2022 MBF Festival.**

After the appointment and promotion of the Provincial Officers we received an address from the Provincial Prior. In his Address he talked about how the pandemic has impacted on society and how we have had to learn to cope with the changes and to help each other.

The Provincial Prior then thanked everyone for their attendance and support; and declared the Virtual Business Meeting of the Provincial Priory of Surrey closed.



NHS Day at Sutton Masonic Hall



Five Mark Masons, assisted by Bro Jeff Sykes, launched the NHS Day celebration at Sutton Masonic Hall on Monday 5th July.



The banner was raised and fixed by W.Bro. Nigel Feltham with Bro. Ken Martin and Bro. Richard Matthews supporting.

W.Bro. Richard Wileman was in attendance as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Craft), W.Bro. Chris Casselden gave valued advice and W.Bro. Steve Dingvean supervised.... Afterwards we all retired to the bar for some refreshments.....

Have you booked in yet?



The first face to face meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge since 2019 will be held on Saturday 11th September 2021 at 10.45 at Croydon Masonic Hall. Our Provincial Grand Master is looking forward to getting together with everyone and to have the opportunity to install his Provincial Grand Officers.

Places are filling up so if you haven't booked yet visit page: [The 2021 Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge \(markmastermasons.org.uk\)](http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/)