

Address by the Provincial Grand Master to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

Brethren it is now my pleasure to address Provincial Grand Lodge. I am aware that this has been a long meeting and that thoughts are now being directed to refreshment. I ask for your attention for a few further minutes.



What a pleasure it is to see so many Mark Brethren attending this Annual Meeting. I am delighted once again to welcome the Pro Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the President of the Mark

Benevolent Fund. It is an honour for us to have you join us on this important day, as we look forward with hope. I am very much aware how busy you all are, particularly now that we can have physical meetings, and with a backlog of Installations, Investitures and celebrations for you to carry out.

I take this opportunity Pro Grand Master, together with the Grand Secretary, to thank you on behalf of all the Brethren of this Province for the leadership you have provided to our wonderful Order during this difficult time. Thank you.

I extend a warm welcome to all our guests. To our Official Visitors I thank you all for the hospitality extended to members of this Province when visiting you and I hope that you will enjoy your time with us

It is so good to be able to hold face to face meetings. Our last Annual meeting was, as I said earlier, in March 2019 as it was just a week before our March 2020 meeting that the cloud fell, restrictions were imposed, and we were prevented from meeting. However, as pleased as we are to be together Brethren, the Coronavirus has not gone away completely. We thought that being double vaccinated would prevent us catching the virus, but sadly that is not the case and recently I have seen such cases. Therefore, we need to exercise caution. I took a flow test before coming here and I recommend that if you haven't that you consider it.

Before the meeting the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies informed those recipients of Provincial Grand Rank that the choice of shaking hands lay with the individual. I carry sanitiser in my case, and there are sanitisers scattered around this Masonic Hall. Washing hands regularly is another way of reducing the risk. It is impractical for me to wear a mask, but it is open to us all to consider this during meetings. We cannot, and do not want to, lock ourselves away completely, but we do need to be cautious. There are some for whom it is too early to return to meetings, and we need to understand this as some are more vulnerable than others. I looked back at what we have achieved over the last two and a half years, and it is immense. Even during the last 18 months we have achieved a huge amount, despite the paucity of meetings.

At start of the pandemic, the Executive looked at the welfare of our members and how we all could maintain contact and continue our interest in our wonderful Order. We established direct lines of communication between us and the members, older members without internet access and newly Advanced Brethren, and we encouraged Lodges to do the same.

We were fortunate to have Virtual Business meetings to deal with the important administrative business of Lodges and I am extremely grateful to the Pro Grand Master and Mark Grand Lodge for providing that innovative opportunity. ZOOM, unheard of by most of us two years ago has become a part of our daily lives.

Within the Province we established the Surrey Keystone on a monthly basis, and I am grateful to VW Bro Chris Eley, W. Bro. Richard Knox and members of the Communications team for the huge amount of work they have put into this. Our Provincial web site under the guidance of VW Bro Bob Tuthill is regularly updated with news. We can all play a part. 99% of us have a mobile phone with a camera and can take photographs, together with a short article. We have achieved some success and there are opportunities for more Brethren to get involved.

We were fortunate to have the reductions in fees from Mark Grand Lodge and it is important that these, together with the Provincial reductions, are passed on to all members by Lodge Treasurers.

My congratulations to those I have appointed to active rank today, enjoy your appointment. You have opportunity to visit Lodges in the Province, and I encourage you to do so. Your presence enhances the Installation meeting and provides support to Lodges, adding to the enjoyment for us all. To those being promoted today and those receiving Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, my congratulations. Your appointments are in recognition of the work carried out in your Lodges, and for the Province in the past, but are also an encouragement for the future.

My congratulations to those appointed to, re-appointed or promoted in Grand Rank at the Investiture meeting of Mark Grand Lodge last Tuesday. VW. Bro. Chris Eley to Grand Junior Overseer, W. Bro. Paul Wicking to Grand Steward, VW. Bro. David Blackburn to **P.G.S.O.**; W. Bro John Coleman to **P.G.S.D.**, W. Bro. John Woodville to **P.G.J.D.**, W. Bro Kevin Woodward to **P.A.G.D.C.**; and W. Bro. John Hardy to **P.G.St.B.**; and through other Provinces or Direct from Grand Lodge, VW. Bro Bob Tuthill to **P.G.S.O.**, VW. Bro. David Russell to **P.G.J.O.**; and W. Bro. John Roberts to **P.G.St.B.**

In December last year, the MW Grand Master appointed Brethren to Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners. They were Worshipful Brothers Tony Callister, Steve Jones and Brian Cotton. All well-deserved appointments, my congratulations to them all.



The 2022 Mark Benevolent Fund Festival is now just 287 days away. We have lost a lot of ground, in our fund-raising efforts.

It was impossible to hold some of the planned events as we were prevented by Government from physical meetings, even outdoors, on our planned cruise, on the dance floor, and on the golf course. We needed to be innovative, and I am grateful to W Bro John Massey and his committee for their efforts in that respect.

One example being the balloon race, which we intend to repeat this Christmas. At the outset of the Festival fund raising, I established a drip-drip approach to regular giving, with an empty bath and the tap continuously dripping. That tap needs to be turned up to ensure that the bath is comfortably full by March 2022 when the MBF start to draw our fund raising to a conclusion.



We have been fortunate to be the first Province to have the new Festival Stewards and I am delighted to see that many of our Brethren have become Festival Stewards. I thank those who are already Festival Stewards or who have signed up today. It is not too late and if a one-off donation of £100 seems difficult then we can assist you. Please speak in confidence to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Ray Seeley, he can arrange monthly donations to reach that total. Alternatively, credit card payments can be made.

One question posed to everyone present by our Provincial Charity Steward when visiting Lodges is "What have you done for this Mark Benevolent Fund Festival?" He then allows a few seconds for reflection. I then ask you to think "Can I do anything more?" We can't all climb Mount Kilimanjaro, or cycle 2022 miles. Your Lodge might consider something more sedate like an afternoon tea for the Ladies. I ask every Lodge to do something in the next eight months.

There are too many who have done a huge amount for this Festival for me to mention them all individually, you know who you are, and I have thanked you personally. But it would be remiss of me not to thank the Chair of the Festival Committee, W.Bro. John Massey and his team, and W.Bro. Bill Barr and the Event Team for their continuing efforts.

The Mark Benevolent Fund has helped our Brethren in need, and many charities in Surrey, during the last two years. Not least with the £1.3m donation to the Hospice movement in England and Wales in memory of HRH, Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh. Every Mark Lodge in the Province nominated a local hospice for a donation of £1000 from the Lodge. I am grateful to the Lodge Secretaries for the Lodge nominations. Payments have now been made electronically and W.Bro. David Lawrence is now co-ordinating presentations at the hospices. I hope that you will understand that with some hospices receiving large donations it is impossible for every Lodge to be represented at all of presentations.

The Festival finale, when the Grand Secretary will announce the final results, is on the weekend of 1st – 2nd July 2022 at the Effingham Park Hotel, Effingham. Again, I want this to be a fun event and full details are on the Festival web site -with access from the Provincial web site.



We have a BBQ on the Friday night, with Jahson Nembhard, formerly of the Drifters, providing entertainment and on the Saturday following the festival dinner we have The West End Jerseys, a popular group with opportunities for some dancing.

We have two hotels for our use, one of which is already full, the second hotel is just over a mile away, with coach transport provided. It promises to be a great weekend. If you haven't booked already, I recommend that you don't delay.

In the meantime, lots of events are being planned and I ask you to keep looking at the web site and reading the weekly email which accompanies the bonus ball results.

We all need maintain our focus on our Recruitment, Retention and Re-invigoration strategy. At every Installation meeting the incoming Master is given my challenge to find a new member during his year.

On the recruitment front we can all play a part, and we have some new initiatives in the pipeline for the New Year.

In thinking about Retention, welfare was mentioned by me earlier. The role of the Lodge Almoner has never been more important in looking after all the members of our Lodges. Maintaining contact and offering assistance to those who are unwell or who, for other reasons, are absent from our meetings.

I thank the Provincial Grand Almoner, W.Bro. John Coleman, for the extensive work that he undertakes on our behalf. Brethren, we all have a role to play, in informing the Almoner of news of ourselves and our families and other members of our Lodges. Far better for the Lodge Almoner to be given information twice than not at all.

Events such as an Annual Meeting don't just happen. To the Provincial Grand Secretary and his Deputy, I thank you for all the hard work you have put in throughout the year and to the preparations for today's meeting, and likewise to the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, his Deputies and Assistants, I am grateful for the excellent ceremonial.

I also thank the members of the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge for their tremendous support in the build up to today's meeting and throughout the year. I am most grateful to you all.

Last and by no means least I am indebted to all the members of my Executive and every member of the Executive Committee who continue to give outstanding service to the Province and support to me personally. It is a great privilege to continue to serve the Province.

I thank you all for the kind attention that you have given to my address and may the Great Overseer of the Universe Bless and Keep you.

RW.Bro. Ian N Clark

Provincial Grand Master

11th September 2021





Mark Grand Lodge

Congratulations to all those who received Re-appointment to Active Rank, First Appointment to Past Rank and Promotion in Past Rank at the meeting of Grand Lodge in the Grand Temple at Freemasons Hall on Tuesday 7th September 2021.

In his address the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, said how good it was to be able to get together after the difficulties of the past 15 months.



Raising the Roof with help from the MBF

On a very wet and windy day, Horsley, Bookham & Leatherhead Riding for the Disabled took a monumental step towards their future, they broke ground to begin the first stages of their build.



are able to restart the previous lesson timetable they had in place, pre pandemic. So they are on the lookout for the next two to add to their head so they are ready for when the centre is usable.



Their 'front man' Lance has been riding with them for several years. With help from his Mum, he has written a letter in support of their campaign. This has been printed onto leaflets for them to use at events, door drop in their local area and several local businesses have agreed to have them at the till point. It was fantastic to have Lance with them when they broke ground. They had a hard hat for him with his name on, which made his day. He also got to have an impromptu ride around the yard, which he was over the moon about.

We are delighted to announce that the Mark Benevolent Fund granted £18,506 towards the completion of the structure at their new premises in Effingham. Horsley, Bookham & Leatherhead Riding for the Disabled said *"For a small charity like us, fundraising for this project has been a huge challenge, we are all very proud of how far we have come, and breaking ground yesterday was a very emotional first step. We know we would not be able to start this build without your support, we will always be grateful that you made the decision to provide some funding"*.



2022 Burns' Night – Keep the Date Free

At Guildford Masonic Centre, Weybourne House, Hitherbury Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4DR on Saturday 22nd January 2022.

Cost: £35 per person. Open to the Ladies, Friends and Family, Non Masons.

Dining: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

Menu:

Haggis, Tatties and Neeps. With Whisky.

Roast Beef, with the trimmings.

Cranachan (Cream, oatmeal, whisky, raspberries).

Pipers, Procession & Addressing the Haggis. Plus Burns Toasts.

Dress Code: Highland, Dinner Jacket or Lounge Suit. Ladies: Posh Frocks. Anything in the Scottish theme appreciated.



2021 Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday 11th September 2021 at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon, Surrey. This was the first opportunity for us to get together since March 2019 due to the suspension of all Masonic Activity.



The meeting was called to order by W.Bro. Paul Wicking, G.Stwd., the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year accompanying the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the RW Provincial Grand Master, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.



The Travelling Keystone was returned to the Provincial Grand Master by W.Bro. Norman Jones, the Worshipful Master of Bond of Friendship Lodge No. 1576. The Travelling Keystone was introduced in 2016 to encourage visiting and promote the exchange of good will within the Province. Its journey started in Bond of Friendship Lodge and the passport shows that it has been to many Lodges within the Province. RW.Bro. Ian said that it was to be presented later at the Festive Board to the Lodge with the highest percentage of members dining.

W.Bro. Kevin Woodward was then escorted to the pedestal. The Provincial Grand Master spoke about Kevin's walk up Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the 2022 Surrey Mark MBF Festival. W.Bro. Kevin will also be visiting Lodges giving talks on his walk. The Provincial Grand Master invited VW.Bro. John Bell, President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, to present a Grand Patron Diamond award to W.Bro. Kevin Woodward thanking him for his tremendous support for the MBF.

Once again our Provincial Grand Stewards did a splendid job of ensuring everyone was able to park in the Stanton Road car park. From 9.30 am the Brethren of the Province and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties. By 10.35 am everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 10.45 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.



The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, VW.Bro. Nigel Scott-Moncrieff, was admitted and advised that the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith was outside the door of Provincial Grand Lodge. The M.W. Pro Grand Master entered, was greeted by the Provincial Grand Master and saluted with eleven under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The business of Provincial Grand Lodge commenced with the Provincial Grand Master individually welcoming the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders. After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, which were available on the Provincial web site, those present remembered our members who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last annual meeting.

A number of newly Advanced Brethren were then escorted to the Provincial Grand Master who presented them with a special lapel pin.



The Provincial Grand Master said that he had pleasure in presenting his charity award to the Lodge adjudged to have best supported the Provincial Benevolent Fund during the 2020 and the 2021 financial year. He was pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2020 embroidered Scrip Purse this year is Crystal Palace Lodge of MMM No.450. and the recipient of the 2021 embroidered Scrip Purse this year is Pleydell Bouverie Lodge of MMM No.955. W.Bro's Bill Caughie and David Bleming were escorted to the pedestal and were presented with the embroidered Scrip Purse

W.Bro. Steve Jones then presented the Provincial Grand Master with a cheque for £1,500 from his regalia sales. There were additional presentations totalling £20,000 from the Craft Province of Surrey, the Royal Arch Province of Surrey, the Red Cross of Constantine, Septem Royal Arch Chapter, the Allied Masonic Degrees, and the Mark Provinces of Warwickshire, Kent, Wiltshire and Bedfordshire. The Provincial Grand Master expressed his appreciation for the generous donations.



The Provincial Grand Master confirmed the appointment of W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, P.G.J.D., Dep.Prov.G.M. to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province. The Deputy Provincial Master Designate was presented and took his Obligation as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master invested W.Bro. John with his Chain of Office.

W.Bro. Richard John Knox, **PGSD**, was re-appointed as Assistant Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master confirmed the appointment of W.Bro. Bill Barr, P.G.J.D., A.Prov.G.M. to be Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Province. The Assistant Provincial Master Designate was presented and took his Obligation as Assistant Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Master invested W.Bro. Bill with his Chain of Office.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge, after which the Provincial Grand Master invited the Pro Grand Master to address Provincial Grand Lodge.

The meeting was then called to order and closed in due form. The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession to the echoing strains of Land of Hope and Glory by W.Bro. Bob Soper, Provincial Grand Organist.

The Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey and their guests then retired to the bar. Following the meeting, Brethren of the Province of Surrey and their guests dined together in peace and harmony, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.



The Provincial Grand Master presented the Travelling Keystone to the Worshipful Master of Welcome Lodge of Mark Master Masons, W.Bro. Max Woodward.

VW.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, a member of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons, had again baked a special cake to raise funds for the 2022 Festival. RW.Bro. David Ashbolt, Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, a member



of Rose Lodge of Mark Master Masons, organised a game of Heads and Tails. The cake was won by W.Bro. Richard Knox, Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed the Toast to the M.W. Pro Grand Master thanking him for coming along to make this a very special day for the Mark Province of Surrey. He then presented the Pro Grand Master with a Surrey 2022 Calendar and a bottle of his favourite tippie. He also thanked the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, and the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, VW.Bro. Nigel Scott-Moncrieff. The Pro Grand Master then retired from the Festive Board.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John French, proposed the Toast to the Provincial Grand Master who thanked W.Bro. John and all the Brethren present and then proposed the Toast to the Visitors. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and other distinguished Brethren then retired from the Festive Board.



The Installation Meeting of the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge

Following the resumption of Masonic meetings, the Installation meeting of the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1704 was held at Croydon Masonic Hall on Monday 19th July 2021.



The Worshipful Master, VW.Bro. Chris Eley opened the Lodge and the Dispensation for a change of meeting place was then read by the Secretary. He welcomed the members and guests, including our Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Ian N Clark, a Past Master of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master offered him the gavel hoping he would conduct the ceremony of installation. The Provincial Grand Master declined saying he was there to pick up some tips for when he installs the Master in the Mark Provincial Grand Steward's Lodge in September.....

The RW Provincial Grand Master was saluted with 7 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Paul Wicking, G.Stwd, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. After the minutes had been approved, another Dispensation was read by the Secretary. This time to elect and install a Worshipful Master on the same day. W.Bro. Tim Ford was declared Master Elect and VW.Bro. Greer Kirkwood was elected as Treasurer.



Yet another Dispensation was then read – this time in respect for the Master Elect to be Master of two Lodges. The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Bill Barr, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, to occupy the Senior Warden's Chair and W.Bro. Tim Ford was presented to VW.Bro. Chris Eley by the Director of Ceremonies. W.Bro. Tim recited his Obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was opened and VW.Bro. Chris installed his old friend Tim into the Chair of Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons in a very sincere and personal manner.

The Address to the Master was given by VW.Bro. Chris Eley; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Jim Moyes; to the Overseers by W.Bro. David Clark; and to the Brethren by RW.Bro. Ian Clark. The Officers of the Lodge were then appointed and invested. After the Accounts had been received and approved W.Bro. David Lawrence gave the Charity report. A proposition to donate the sum of £1,000 to the Surrey 2022 MBF Festival was made by W.Bro. Bernie Greenwood and approved by the members of the Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Brethren for their generous donation, after what has been a challenging year for us all.



John French, (our Deputy Provincial Grand Master); the Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill; and brethren of the Surrey AMD Council No 64.

If that wasn't bad enough, we then found that they had eaten the special installation meal that our Secretary had ordered. Our Provincial Grand Master was not too happy that his Deputy had eaten his meal....

Fratres Calami Aerariique is the Surrey Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors of Ceremonies Lodge.

All Lodge Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors of Ceremonies are invited to join the Lodge. All enquiries to the Lodge Secretary, W.Bro. David Clark. Email: FCA1704@btinternet.com



Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on Wednesday 18th August 2021. This was not only the first meeting of Provincial Grand Senatus since the Provincial Grand Summus was appointed at a Virtual Business Meeting in July 2020, but it was also the first meeting of a Provincial Grand Senatus since the resumption of Masonic activity.



Attending the meeting were many Brethren from the Mark Province of Surrey, including our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John French, and three Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, VW.Bros. Arnold Long, David Willmott and Chris Eley.



Present at the meeting was the Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian S Currans, who was there to confirm the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, as Provincial Grand Summus for the Province of Surrey.

The Grand Summus said that 13 months ago, in July 2020, he attended a marvellous Virtual Business Meeting with over 170 Companions attending from all over the world from far away places such as India and the Caribbean. At that meeting he installed the Provincial Grand Summus in a formal way, albeit on Zoom. The Patent was read and the Grand Summus installed R.Dist. Comp. Arnold, but couldn't on Zoom invest him with his Chain. He therefore had the greatest of pleasure in investing the Provincial Grand Summus with his Chain of Office and installing him into the Chair of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Surrey.



Bond of Friendship Lodge is up and running!

Bond of Friendship Mark held an extra meeting to re-start the lodge following the end of Covid 19 restrictions. The Double Advancement was scuppered by the 'ping-demic' but the lodge still managed to welcome a joining member and Advance one candidate, Bro. Lewis Goodridge, in a fine ceremony led by W.Bro. Mike Neville with the Provincial Grand Master leading from the front and presenting the Working Tools. W.Bro. Mike added in details of the ceremony showing a map of the places noted and explaining the Biblical quotes, some of which appear to have bizarre meanings



They presented a cheque for £1000 to the Provincial Grand Master, together with a further £250, for the Festival for the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF). The lodge also voted to sponsor the Festival Swimathon for another £250.

The ProvGM praised the efforts of the members and was pleased to present the lodge with a collarette to recognise Bond of Friendship's status as MBF Grand Patron Gold. Four members, WBro Steven Cann, WBro Frank Lee, WBro John Hardy and Bro Mick Costello also received MBF certificates for their excellent work in supporting the charity.

The Travelling Keystone, which encourages visiting of other lodges, was also on display. Sadly for W.Bro. Ray Beadle he will have to lose this ornament after being in possession of it for over eighteen months. The lodge will have the honour of parading it into the Provincial meeting on 11th September.

The next meeting will be Installation (27th November), with W.Bro. Barry Thomas taking the Chair; and then on 15th January Bond of Friendship will celebrate its 40th Anniversary. The lodge continues to grow and lives up to its name!

The lodge was also in fine form in relation to charity. The Master, W.Bro. Norman Jones, together with Bro. Dennis Cosstick and Bro. Mark Tatum, had raised charity funds by running several car boot sales, (*with special thanks to their neighbour Gerry Hall, a non-mason who lent them a van and fuel to collect all the items for the boot fair - a truly masonic gesture*).



Sunday Curry Lunch



The Provincial Grand Master's Sunday Curry Lunch was held on Sunday 8th August 2021 at the Croydon Masonic Halls.

On the menu were a selection of Indian Savouries with Poppadoms and Mango Chutney followed by Chicken Curry, Mutton Curry or Vegetable Curry with Seasoned Basmati Rice, Hot New Potatoes and a Tossed Salad. For dessert there was Rum & Raisin Ice Cream or Cheese & Biscuits. The lunch was jointly arranged by Steve Jones and Alan Brockwell.

Our Deputy Provincial Grand Master ran an auction which, along with the proceeds of the raffle, raised £625 for the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival.

It was a splendid afternoon with good food, good wine, and good company. Well done Steve and Alan for making all the arrangements, and Ray Beadle for donating the auction prizes.



South East London Installed Masters Lodge

On Friday 13th August a number of Surrey Mark Masons were invited along to Croydon as guests of W.Bro. Jim Turner to witness his installation into the Chair of the South East London Installed Masters Lodge.



It was interesting to watch a London Lodge in action – they did things a little differently than we do in Surrey...



However, we all enjoyed ourselves, and after a few drinks in the bar went into the dining room.

It was good to see Jim in the Chair and, although he admitted to being a little nervous, he did a good job of running the Festive Board – up until the speeches that is....

W.Bro. Harry Smith replied to the Toast to the Visiting Brethren. Unfortunately he misheard when Jim asked him to keep his reply to 4 to 5 minutes and thought he said 45 minutes.....

We all enjoyed ourselves, and thanked Jim for his kind hospitality.

