

## A donation to St Raphael's Hospice.....



**A donation of £13,000 was recently made to St Raphael's Hospice in Cheam by the Mark Province of Surrey and at the same time a further £4,000 was donated by the Mark Province of London. We were sent this message of thanks by Gail Linehan:**

We would like to thank the representatives from the Mark Provinces of Surrey and London who generously gave £17,000 in memory of the late HRH Prince Philip towards the refresh of the In Patient Unit at St Raphael's Hospice.

It was pleasure to meet and welcome John French, Steve Jones and David Lawrence from Surrey and Richard Criddle and Tim MacAndrews from London, accompanied by photographer Bob Tuthill.

St Raphael's Hospice provides palliative and end of life care to people living in Merton and Sutton both in our 14 bed in-patient unit and in the community.

The majority of the patients under the care of the hospice are supported in their own homes by our team of expert Doctors, Clinical Nurse Specialists and Health Care Assistants.

The hospice provides management of complex symptoms, such as pain, fatigue and emotional distress as well as providing expert care for people who are dying.

As a hospice we provide support and care to one in four people who die in our area every year. We want everyone referred to us to experience excellence across all our services and thus raise our visibility across our community. We want to provide reassurance that St Raphael's will be there when we are needed. By increasing our engagement with communities, we hope to provide an opportunity to partner with us, raise the necessary funds to support service delivery or volunteer alongside us.



## .....and to Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

**The Mark Province of Surrey recently made a donation of £6,000 to Woking & Sam Beare Hospices. We were sent this message from Phil Wormley, Fundraising Director, Woking & Sam Beare Hospices**

The pandemic has had a huge impact on the hospice but in terms of the demands on our service and our ability to generate funds. Due to the prolonged lockdowns we experienced we did have to stop the delivery of our own hospice led events and we closed our retail shops which had a massive impact on our ability to generate voluntary funding. Therefore, donations such as this gift of £6,000 from the Mark Benevolent Fund is very timely and much needed.

We are hugely grateful to the fund, and all involved for choosing to support our hospice at this time.

Our Community Nursing service represents over 70% of the care we deliver to patients, and we have seen a 6% increase in the total number of patients we have cared for through our Community Nursing service during the pandemic compared to the previous year. The increase has partly been because we are one of the few agencies that have still been able to visit patients at home. Many patients have experienced a year of only having phone-based contact with their GPs and so our nurses are often the first clinical person to see patients in person and as a consequence visits are longer.

The Nurses help patients to make informed decisions about their care and enable them to have the best quality of life possible until end of life. They are an invaluable source of specialist advice for family and carers, helping them receive the support they need to cope with their loved one's illness and their own bereavement. The Community Nursing service enables people to receive care, treatments and therapies directly, wherever they live, relieving pain, symptoms and the side-effects of illness.

As many people have lost their jobs during the pandemic our Nurses also help by providing advice on funding they may be eligible for to ease a financial burden, or to access household items to make life more manageable.





# Meetings around the Province

## Fifty Years in RAM and Mark

In September 2021 the Installation meeting of the Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge No 1219 was held at Surbiton Masonic Hall.



This was preceded by a meeting of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge where W.Bro. Chris Eley, **R.A.M.G.R.** was Proclaimed as Worshipful Commander for a second year.

A ballot was taken for six joining members. This proved in their favour, and they were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Commander. The Worshipful Commander gave a short talk on the History and Meaning of the Apron, which was well received. W.Bro. Brian Berry, **R.A.M.G.R.** was then elected as Worshipful Commander for the ensuing year. He will be installed at our June meeting.

RW.Bro. Ian Clark, Provincial Grand Master, presented a Certificate commemorating 50 years as a Royal Ark Mariner to W.Bro. Ian Andrew Neve, **R.A.M.G.R.**, who was Elevated into Rose Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 534 on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1970. W.Bro. Ian was the Worshipful Commander of Rose Lodge in 2007 and 2012.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened by the Worshipful Master, VW.Bro. Brian I Berry, **P.G.J.O.**, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master (Middx), who welcomed all our visitors, especially R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, our Provincial Grand Master. A ballot was taken for four joining members. This proved in their favour, and they were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

The Lodge Banner was paraded, and the Junior Warden explained the history of the Banner. The Brethren stood in memory of VW.Bro. Ted Melber, W.Bro. John Finlayson, and W.Bro. Harry Hutchins who had all passed to the Grand Lodge Above during 2020 and 2021.

After the Dispensation had been read, W.Bro. John French, **P.G.J.D.**, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was installed in the Chair of the Lodge by VW.Bro. Brian Berry in an excellent manner. The Address to the Master was given by VW.Bro. Brian Berry; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Paul Haycock; to the Overseers by VW.Bro. Chris Cradock; and to the Brethren by RW.Bro. Ian Clark. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers.

The next item on the agenda was to present a 50 Year Certificate to W.Bro. Ian Andrew Neve, **P.G.S.D.**, P.Prov.G.S.W. This was once again presented by the Provincial Grand Master in a very personal way.

W.Bro. Ian was Advanced into Rose Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 534 on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1970, and was the Worshipful Master of Rose Lodge in 1975, 2006 and 2013. Present was W.Bro. Bill Caughie who, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft, presented Ian with his Craft 50 Year Certificate in 2019.

After the Lodge was closed, we all retired to the bar for drinks following which we all dined together in the Elizabethan Suite.



# Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge Installation Meeting

In September 2021 the Installation meeting of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey No 1726 was held at the Croydon Masonic Hall.



After opening the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Terry Carpenter, **P.G.J.D.**, had much pleasure in welcoming the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Ian Clark, and offered him the gavel.

The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Worshipful Master for the courtesy and returned it to him as he would be doing some work later on.

The RW. Provincial Grand Master was then saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. David Thompson.

The Worshipful Master welcomed our many guests and visitors, which included the Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Kent, RE.Bro. Archie Torrance, members of the Provincial Executive present and past, and a number of guests from other Provinces.

A ballot was taken for a number of joining members. This proved in their favour and they were escorted to the Worshipful Master to be welcomed into the Lodge and presented with a copy of the By-Laws.

The Lodge Banner was paraded, and the Junior Warden explained the history of the Banner. The Brethren stood in memory of W.Bro. John Finlayson, **P.G.S.D.**, who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above in March 2021.

The RW Provincial Grand Master was then invited to install the Master Elect, W.Bro. Richard Knox, **P.G.S.D.** This was done in a very sincere and enjoyable manner.

W.Bro. Bill Caughie, **P.G.J.D.**, a Past Master of the Lodge, invested the Worshipful Master with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Keystone Jewel and the Officers of the Lodge were appointed.

The Address to the Master was given by VW.Bro. Chris Eley, to the Wardens by W.Bro. Tim Ford, to the Overseers by VW.Bro. Chris Cradock and to the Brethren by RW.Bro. Ian Clark.

After the Charity Steward, W.Bro. Mick Clay, had given his report the Worshipful Master had much pleasure in presenting the RW Provincial Grand Master with a donation of £400 towards the Mark 2022 MBF Festival.

The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Worshipful Master and the Brethren of the Lodge for their generous donation, which will mean the Lodge will receive MBF Grand Patron award.

The Worshipful Master then gave an interesting talk entitled, "The Ancient Office of Warden", which was well received. After the Lodge was closed the Worshipful Master accompanying the RW Provincial Grand Master retired in procession under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.

After the customary photos the Brethren retired to the bar. Here we have our new Worshipful Master with two members of the Lodge.

The members of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey and their many guests dined together in perfect harmony honouring loyal and Masonic toasts.

After the meal we all played a game of Heads and Tails to win a lovely cake baked by our Master Baker, VW.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, to raise funds for the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival.

The cake was won by W.Bro. Tony Callister of Percy Mark Lodge.



# Visits to other Provinces

## Essex Enthroned Commanders and Installed Masters Lodges

As the Worshipful Commander and Worshipful Master of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders' and Installed Masters' Lodges, V.W.Bros. Brian Berry and Chris Eley were invited to the Installation meetings of the Essex Enthroned Commanders' and Installed Masters' Lodges held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at the Saxon Hall in Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

The Lodges were honoured by the presence of the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond J Smith escorted by his Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Nigel Scott-Moncrieff seen here with the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Terry Sheern,



The RAM Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Barry Coombes, and the Pro Grand Master was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Pro Grand Master said how good it was to see everyone.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been concluded W.Bro. John Finlay, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was Installed as Worshipful Commander of the Essex Enthroned Commanders Lodge No 1044. In the Inner Working the Brethren of the Lodge



were joined by the Pro Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master, which made this a very special ceremony for W.Bro. John. The Provincial Grand Master gave the long Address to the Worshipful Commander in an excellent manner. The Officers were appointed, and the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was closed.



After a short break the Essex Installed Masters' Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Derek Manister. The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Terry Sheern, entered and was greeted by the Worshipful Master. The Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Nigel Scott-Moncrieff, was admitted and advised that the Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond Smith was outside the door of the Lodge. The M.W. Pro Grand Master entered, was greeted by the Worshipful Master and saluted with eleven under the direction of the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Derek Manister, was Proclaimed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and appointed and invested his Officers. The Provincial Grand Master then congratulated the Provincial Officers and those who received Promotion and First Appointments saying how good it was to be able to do this as it has been two years since he last had the opportunity to congratulate his Provincial Officers.

The Pro Grand Master addressed the Lodge. He

said that there are no more important Lodges than the Installed Masters Lodges and that it was an honour to be there and to enjoy two well run meetings. He spoke about the good work that the staff at Mark Masons Hall had done during lockdown to keep us all informed, and the success of the Virtual Business Meetings.



He mentioned that due to good financial management MMH had ended the year with a surplus of £1 million which has been passed back to the members in the form of a £10 rebate on the Grand Lodge dues. The meeting ended with the Worshipful Master individually welcoming the many representatives of other Installed Masters Lodges and other Masonic Orders in Essex. It was a very happy meeting, one that V.W.Bro. Brian and I were delighted to be able to attend.

# The Installation of a new Provincial Grand Master

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Kent was held on Friday 24th September 2021 at Oakley House, Bromley, Kent. We were there to see V.W.Bro. Peter David Williams, P.G.M.O installed as the Provincial Grand Master for Kent by Most Worshipful Brother Raymond John Smith, Pro Grand Master.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Presiding Officer, R.W.Bro. Roger Croucher, Past Provincial Grand Master.



The Installing Officer, accompanied by his Assisting Officers, entered in procession, assumed the Chair, and appointed his Officers.

The Installing Officer was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and addressed the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting. The

Installing Officer directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and ascertain that the Provincial Grand Master Designate was in attendance. The Grand Director of Ceremonies re-entered the Lodge and informed the Installing Officer that the Provincial Grand Master Designate, Very Worshipful Brother Peter David Williams, P.G.M.O. was in attendance and requested to be installed.

The Installing Officer directed that the Patent of Appointment be produced to him. He then examined the Patent and directed that the Provincial Grand Master Designate be introduced in proper form. The Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren retired in procession, and, preceded by Brethren bearing the regalia, re-entered the Lodge introducing the Provincial Grand Master Designate.



The Installing Officer called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment and then addressed the Provincial Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and enquired if he is ready and willing to undertake those duties. After the Grand Chaplain offered a prayer, the Installing Officer directed the Provincial Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation. The Provincial Grand Master Designate was then invested and installed in the Chair.

The Provincial Grand Master was proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

After being introduced and obligated,

the Provincial Grand Master appointed Worshipful Brother Perri Ahmet, P.G.J.D. as Deputy Provincial Grand Master who was then proclaimed under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted by members of the Province.

After being introduced and obligated, the Provincial Grand Master appointed Worshipful Brothers David William Walter Stiff, P.G.S.D., and Martyn Brian Summers, P.G.S.D., as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. The Assistant Provincial Grand Masters were proclaimed under the



direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and saluted by members of the Province. The Provincial Grand Master addressed the Installing Officer who then retired in procession.

After the business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been concluded R.W. Provincial Grand Master congratulated the active Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form and the Provincial Grand Master retired in procession accompanied by his Provincial Officers and the many guests of the Province.

After refreshments the Brethren of the Mark Province of Kent and their guests enjoyed a most convivial lunch together.

The Surrey contingent had a most enjoyable day and wish Right Worshipful Brother Peter Williams and his team every success for the future.



# The refreshment of Woodstock Mark Lodge

Are you interested in Beer, Wine and Spirits? Don't worry, David Lawrence will probably know the answer?



Advanced Mason. Contact David Lawrence on [david@backtolife.co.uk](mailto:david@backtolife.co.uk) for more information.

The reason for the question is that plans are in place to revive Woodstock Lodge as the Grape and Grain Lodge.

The lodge will meet twice a year, suggested dates so far are 2nd Thursday in February and June, one being an original date of Woodstock.

The Lodge meeting will serve to have speakers such as Sommeliers, Distillers and Brewers come and further educate us on our favourite tipple. We will also arrange visits to Vineyards, Distilleries and Breweries to see how this tasty treat is made and also a sample their wares. Don't worry this will almost certainly be a coach trip.

Interested? – You can be a Founder, a Joiner, or even a Newly

## What a Salesman!



As I am sure you are aware, W.Bro. Norman Jones and his team from Bond of Friendship Mark Lodge have been running several Car Boot Sales to raise funds for our Mark 2022 MBF Festival.

At a recent Boot Sale, they had a pair of hair straighteners for sale. One of his team challenged Norman that he couldn't sell them to a bald man. Ever up for a challenge Norman took on the bet and would you believe he managed to sell them to a bald man - and won the bet.



## 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: £36 per person. Open to the Ladies, Family, Friends and Non Masons.

Dining: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm.

### Menu:

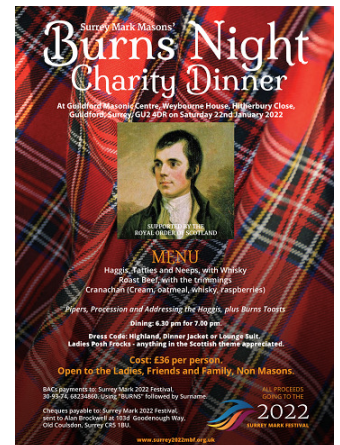
Haggis, Tatties and Neeps. With Whisky.

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.



## Steve Jones in Speedos!



I know - the very thought brings on a migraine! Sponsor the Provincial Grand Master, or one of the other plucky swimmers, on Sunday 5th December 2021 at Guildford Spectrum Pool, GU1 1UP

Meet at 10.30am for swim at 11am. Choose your own target & why not bring the family?

The fun pool is also open. RW.Bro. Ian Clark will present medals to all children taking part.

Look out for the sponsorship forms at your Festive Boards – or download one

from the web site: <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/Festival-Events/Swimathon-Booking-Form.pdf>

# Special Offer on the Surrey Mark Commemorative Calendar

We are proud to offer this special Commemorative Calendar to mark the 154th MBF Festival. The calendar measures 314mm x 230mm (12.3in x 9.1in) and is 28 pages, including the front and back cover.



Each month has a beautiful view of Surrey at the top and the days of the month clearly laid out beneath. Each day is marked by a box to enable you to note important dates, appointments, birthdays, etc.

As well as the twelve months and their accompanying photo, there is also a brief description of the Mark Benevolent Fund and photos of some of Surrey Mark Masons fundraising efforts towards the Festival.

***The calendars were £10.00 plus £2.50 postage and packing. There is now a special offer – Buy One – Get One Free. Yes, two calendars for the price of one. All in all, a wonderful commemorative gift. – with all profits going to the Surrey Mark Festival.***

***To order your copy please visit our on-line shop now***

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## Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly

**The Most Worshipful The Grand Master has been pleased to honour the following Surrey Royal Ark Mariners with Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank this year:**

W Bro Les Smith – Kintore 333

W Bro John Woodville – Richmond 808

W Bro Bernie Greenwood – Curfew 1411

Our Surrey Mariners are to be invested at the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners to be held this year on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street.

However, if circumstances mean that the Annual Assembly is not held on that day, their honour will take effect from that date.

Please join us all in congratulating our fellow Mariner Brethren on their preferment.



## Christmas Day Balloon Race

**Following the success of our Balloon Race from Istanbul it is planned to hold another virtual Balloon Race from Lapland on Christmas Day.**

The race will start at 12 noon on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December from Santa's Village, Lapland.

Balloons are just £3 each and can be personalised and decorated by changing shape, colours and patterns. They can be customised to aid winning.

Follow your balloon's progress on Google maps 24/7 over the 7 days of the race.

They make an ideal gift to send to those family and friends, especially children and grandchildren who will be thrilled taking part.

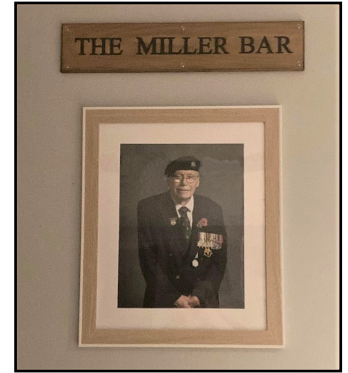
Booking details will be announced shortly.



## A Very Special Day for our Oldest Subscribing Member



W.Bro. Roy Miller Roy is a well-loved, popular, and very respected Mason who, as well as being a highly decorated war veteran, has served the Province of Surrey for many years. Roy was advanced into the Mark Degree in Croydon Mark Lodge No 168 in 2015, at the age of 91. Present was our Provincial Grand Master and all the members of the Provincial Executive. A year later Roy was installed into the Chair of the Lodge and, following his Installation, the Provincial Grand Master made a field appointment to Past Provincial Grand Steward, which made this a very special day for Roy.



However, Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October must have been even more special for Roy. The Board of Governors at Sutton Masonic Hall decided to name the Bar after one of our oldest and most decorated members. On Saturday he thought he was attending a Lodge social - well he was, but it was a bit more than just a Lodge social. He had no idea of the events that were about to unfold. Arriving at the centre just after midday with his family, he was greeted at the door by W.Bro. Nigel Feltham who led him into the bar where everyone gave him a round of applause.

The Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Surrey, RW.Bro. Ian Chandler, talked about Roy and his distinguished career and brought him to the bar to have a glass of rum saying, "*when you take that drink Roy, it will be the first drink by anyone in the newly named Miller Bar*". You should have seen the joy on Ray's face. The plaque and picture were then uncovered to more applause, and happiness for Roy and his family. Everyone then had a lovely buffet in the front dining room. A big thank-you to Fino's Kitchen, Shelley, Jeff and Chloe.



## An Executive Visit to Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons were pleased to receive W.Bro. Bill Barr, P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year.



They also had a joining member, W.Bro. Mike Ellis, who was welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Garth Blanchard. Mike brought his brother, Graham, along in case he felt like becoming a member too.

The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Andrew Duck as Worshipful Master. This was done in a most sincere manner by the Worshipful Master, assisted by members of the Lodge.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Allan Steele who was Advanced nearly two years ago but, due to Covid, was not able to receive his Certificate. They have another candidate for Advancement at their January meeting, plus candidates for Elevation into the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, so it looks like another busy year ahead.



After Steve Jones had finished his 20 minute Festival Charity presentation everyone needed a drink, so the Lodge was closed and we all went to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Once again, the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins at the Festive Board to promote the Order