

# A Message from our Provincial Grand Master

I was delighted to see so many Brethren attending our Provincial Annual Meeting on Saturday, supporting those being appointed to, or promoted in, Provincial Grand Rank.

More than 250 Brethren attended the meeting and 210 sat down at the Festive Board afterwards. Our congratulations go to all those who received honours.

Apart from the regular business of the Province, I was able to announce that the 2022 MBF Festival will be held at the Hilton Metropole Hotel on the Brighton seafront.

There will be a drinks reception at 6:00 pm, followed by a sumptuous 5 course banquet, entertainment, and dancing to the West End Jerseys through till midnight. All for just £80.00 per person.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate when booked through the link on our Festival Website, early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

My wife Pat and I look forward to welcoming you in Brighton on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2022

I am delighted to announce that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint or promote the following Surrey Brethren to Grand Rank:

**First Appointments:**

Les Smith            **G.Stwd**  
 Mick Clay           **P.A.G.Swd.B**  
 Bernie Greenwood **P.G.St.B**

**Promotions:**

John French        **P.G.J.O.**  
 Mike Neville       **P.G.J.D.**

**Appointments through other Provinces**

John Billett       **P.G.J.O.**     Middlesex  
 Peter Brown      **P.G.J.D.**     Hampshire & IOW  
 Rob Downing    **P.G.J.D.**     Kent



My personal congratulations go to all of them, and we look forward to seeing them being invested in June and September. Likewise, to seeing them wearing their respective collars at the Festival Dinner on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Hilton Metropole Hotel, Brighton.

**R.W.Bro. Ian N. Clark, G.M.R.A.C.**

**Provincial Grand Master**

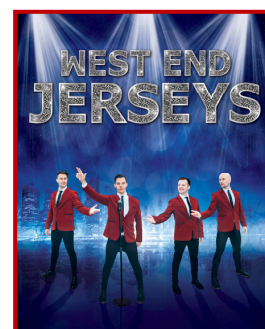
## Surrey Mark 2022 Festival Dinner

We are delighted that we will be celebrating the Festival finale at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Brighton on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

The Hilton Metropole is set on the vibrant Brighton seafront and the 1890's building is next to The Brighton Centre. The hotel has a health club with indoor pool, sauna, and steam room. Brighton Palace Pier, the Royal Pavilion, the boutiques and bars of The Lanes, and the British Airways i360 viewing tower are all within walking distance.

The Festival Banquet will be held in the Oxford Room, the cost remains at £80, with an enhanced meal, pre-dinner drinks, and entertainment from the West End Jerseys. For information visit the web site <http://www.surrey2022mbf.org.uk/>

We are all looking forward to getting together at the seaside to celebrate our Festival achievement and we know this will be a weekend to remember.





# The 2022 Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon. 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 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 R.W. 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 business of Provincial Grand Lodge commenced with the Provincial Grand Master individually welcoming the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders. Before 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.



The Travelling Keystone was returned to the Provincial Grand Master by Brother Keith Jacobs, who was Advanced into Weald of Surrey Mark Lodge in October 2021. He was supported by many members of the Lodge.

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 2021 - 2022 financial year. He was pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2021 - 2022 embroidered Scrip Purse this year was Welcome Lodge No 1237. W.Bro. Max Woodward was escorted to the pedestal to be presented with the embroidered Scrip Purse. W.Bro. Ray Beadle was escorted to the pedestal to be presented with his Grand Patron Diamond Collaret.

W.Bro. Steve Jones then presented the Provincial Grand Master with a cheque £5,133 towards the Festival from his regalia sales. There were additional presentations towards our Festival from M.W.Bro. Peter Ribi: R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, W.Bro. John French on behalf of the Allied Masonic Degrees; V.W.Bro. Arnold Long on behalf of the Order of the Scarlet Cord; W.Bro. Colin Beerling on behalf of the Order of the Secret Monitor; W.Bro. Charles Stoddart on behalf of the Royal Order of Scotland; and £3,000 from the Mark Provincial Grand Officers' Mess. The Provincial Grand Master expressed his appreciation for the generous donations.



The Provincial Grand Master confirmed the re-appointment of W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, **P.G.J.D.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province. W.Bros. Richard John Knox, **P.G.S.D.**, and William Raymond Barr, **P.G.J.D.**, were re-appointed as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters. A total of 80 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank were announced: as well as 15 Brethren receiving Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. The Brethren of the Province of Surrey below the rank of Provincial Grand Officer were called to order to salute the newly appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers with three.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. A copy of his Address is on the web site. <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/news-0561.html>

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 members of the Provincial Executive greeted all our Honoured Guests as they retired from Provincial Grand Lodge.



The Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey and their guests then retired to the bar. After refreshments the Brethren of the Province of Surrey and their guests dined together in peace and harmony



32 members of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Surrey set a record for wearing their AMD napkins at a Mark

Festive Board. As we had two dining rooms, not everyone could get together for the group photograph.



After the meal the Provincial Grand Master drew the tickets for the Grand Prize draw. The Top Prize, a weekend for two in a premium suite with breakfast and dinner at a Millennium Hotel anywhere in the country, was won by Knightsbridge Mark Lodge.

The Second Prize, a Rehoboam of Chivas Regal whisky, was won by W.Bro. Tony Webb of Table Fellowship Lodge No 8989; third Prize, a pair of tickets for the England v India One Day International at the Oval on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, was won by W.Bro. Syd Furlonger of Richmond Mark Lodge and the Fourth Prize, lunch for two, with house wine, at the French Table Restaurant in Surbiton, was won by Croham Hurst Mark Lodge.



The Provincial Grand Master presented the Travelling Keystone to the Worshipful Master of Rose Lodge of Mark Master Masons, W.Bro. Andrew Hardie.



A special cake was again baked by VW.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, a member of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to raise funds for the 2022 Festival.

R.W.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. Robert Rance, the Worshipful Master of St. Andrews Lodge No 806.

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 Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, and other distinguished Brethren then retired from the Festive Board

To view all the photos of the day visit: <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/news-0560-01.html>

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

# News from around the Province

## Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge Meeting



The February 2020 meeting of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey No 1726 was held at the Masonic Hall, Guildford.

After opening the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Richard Knox, **P.G.S.D.**, welcomed the guests and visitors, which included the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, and members of the Provincial Executive, Present and Past, Past Masters of the Lodge, and guests from our Lodges in amity.

W.Bro. Bill Barr, **P.G.J.D.**, AProvGM, was declared

Worshipful Master and W.Bro. Gary Raggett, ProvGInspWks, was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Following his update on charity matters the Charity Steward, W.Bro. Mick Clay, P.Prov.G.S.O., proposed that the Lodge donates the sum of £1,500 towards the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival, which along with a generous donation from Oak Tree Mark Lodge, who are handing in their warrant, will enable the Lodge to achieve a MBF Grand Patron Gold award, The Worshipful Master thanked the Brethren of Oak Tree Mark Lodge who were present for their very generous donation.

Then followed a most interesting and informative talk entitled 'A Potted History of R.W.Bro. Revd. George Raymond Portal, M.A. Founder of the Mark Benevolent Fund, was given by W.Bro. Michael Fenech. This very detailed talk about the life of George Raymond Portal and the restoration of his grave in **Burghclere, Hampshire** was very well received by all present.

The Provincial Grand Master then had much pleasure in presenting V.W.Bro. Richard Baker, **P.G.J.O.**, P.Dep.Prov.G.M., with a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master collarette thanking Richard for all the support he has given the Province in many roles over the years.

V.W.Bro. Richard thanked R.W.Bro. Ian for his kind words and then presented the Lodge with the Register of Marks originally presented to the Lodge in the early 2000s but subsequently mislaid.

After the Lodge was closed, we retired to the bar for refreshments. In the evening the members of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey and their guests dined together in perfect harmony honouring loyal and Masonic toasts.

As is the usual custom, the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins at the Festive Board.



# Curfew - A Lodge Truly in Harmony.

It has been a long and, at times, a very dispiriting pandemic. Curfew Lodge of Mark Master Masons has had it tough. They buckled down, invited their friends from other lodges and got on with it. It was a long and a slow path back to normality. Have they done it? I feel so.

As an active officer of the year and a relative new boy to Mark Masonry, I have had the privilege of visiting almost half the Surrey Mark Masons lodges. The brethren of Curfew Lodge in Chertsey made me proud to be a Mason. They are coming out of this difficult period in our history with huge positivity. They have joining members and candidates for Advancement in the offing. I am sure that because of their determination, they will succeed in becoming a thriving lodge in the very near future.

We had a brief Royal Ark Mariners Lodge meeting, ably led by the Commander followed by the return of the Worshipful Master from illness in Mark. As is sometimes the case, much business was left to the Mark Meeting. Yes, visitors did fill in a couple of positions. They are working at improving that to a point that probably at the next meeting, all positions will be filled by members. One of the visitors who enjoys Curfew offered to fill the post of Warder for the foreseeable future. There was a younger visitor from a London Mark Lodge who obviously enjoyed the entire proceedings. He tells me that he will be there next time. Plans were discussed for the future of the lodge with emphasis laid on their new members.



Calling off gave time for a twenty-minute talk on the Founder of the Mark Benevolent Fund, George Raymond Portal. I started by asking the members gathered if they knew who was the first Provincial Master in Craft? This was followed by who was the fifth Mark Provincial Master of Surrey? You guessed the latter; it was George Portal.

It is good for the soul to be coming to the end of a difficult Festival to know that we have been contributing to an organisation which has given so much financial aid to so many national and local worthy causes. An organisation founded by Canon Portal which is in very good health after over 150 years of good works. That was not the only positive contribution. He founded the National Friendly Society. A thriving Mutual organisation now based in Bristol and still honouring its ties to the man who said "Bis dat qui cito".

Afterwards I was presented with a cheque by the Lodge which I duly presented to W.Bro. Bill Barr for the Mark Benevolent Fund. The latter expressed his gratitude and noted that another cheque also presented at the meeting had made Curfew Mark Lodge a Grand Patron.

Currently a small lodge with a big heart, and definitely in harmony. Thank you, Curfew brethren for a rewarding evening.

*Article by Michael Fenech*





## Howzat?

**We need Cricketers  
who are better than  
John French!**

**Inter-Province Cricket Match  
Sunday 17th July 2022  
Surrey, Sussex, Kent & Middlesex**



# Northern Heights RAM Installation



The installation meeting of the Northern Heights Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 989 was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Sutton Masonic Hall.

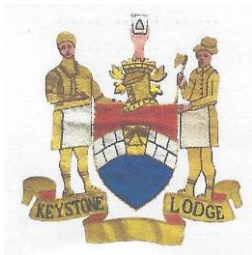


As they are currently quite low in numbers, our Editor thought he would pop in and help as for several reasons there were only three members of the Lodge able to be present. Fortunately, W.Bro. Gary Raggett, a member of the Provincial Support Team; and their Tyler,

Brother Arthur Lewer, were able to join us, so the meeting could go ahead. Brother Arthur acted as Guardian, W.Bro. Chris acted as DC, Chaplain and IPC; and W.Bro. Gary acted as Senior Warden.

The Lodge was opened by the Acting Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Geoff Nickson, **R.A.M.G.R.** who thanked Gary and me for our support for the Lodge. W.Bro. Brian Davies was presented to the Installing Commander, and was Installed into the Chair of Northern Heights Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in a sincere manner by W.Bro. Geoff Nickson, who also gave the Address to the Worshipful Commander after the Officers present had been appointed and installed.

We all congratulated W.Bro. Brian on his installation and, after the Lodge was closed, set everything up for the Mark meeting.



As unfortunately the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ahmet Ratip, was delayed due to business commitments V.W.Bro. Chris opened the Lodge and, after the administration had been conducted, gave a short talk on The Keystone. This was well received by the Brethren.



We had been in contact with W.Bro. Ahmet who was on the train back from Blackfriars and, as he was nearly at Sutton station, we decided to wait for him to arrive before closing the Lodge.

After the Lodge was closed, we all retired to the Miller Bar for refreshments and then, as too small a number to dine at Sutton, some of the members took Gary along to The Spaghetti Tree for a most enjoyable meal together.

*If anyone wishes to attend a small but very friendly Lodge who meet at Sutton, they need look no further than Northern Heights where they will receive a very warm welcome. The Mark and RAM Lodges meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December and March, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in May.*



# An Executive Visit to Stoneleigh Mark Lodge

In March, W.Bro. Richard Knox, P.G.S.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, made an Executive Visit to Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 995.

The Lodge was opened, and the Warrant was exhibited. The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Des Frankin, P.Prov.G.I.G., welcomed the visitors. The Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Michael Howarth, entered the Lodge and advised the Worshipful Master that the Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by a number of Provincial Officers of the year, was without and he demanded admission into the Lodge. The Worshipful Master welcomed W.Bro. Richard Knox to Stoneleigh Lodge and, on behalf of the brethren, wished him a most enjoyable visit before offering him the gavel.



The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with 5 under the direction of the Escorting Officer. He then addressed the Brethren saying how pleased he was to be at Stoneleigh Lodge again. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master introduced the Provincial Team and spoke about the changes to the 2022 Festival Event. After the Minutes of the Meeting had been taken, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master vacated the Chair.



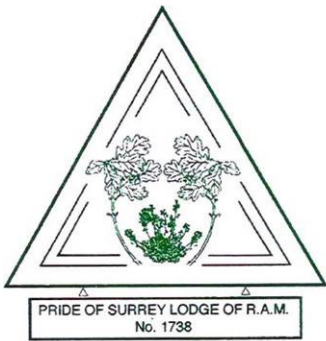
The Worshipful Master thanked the Officers of his year for their support before installing Bro. Ian Baillie into the Chair of the Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, the Address to the Wardens by W.Bro. David Thompson, the Overseers by W.Bro. Michael Saint, and the Address to the Brethren by W.Bro. Richard Knox.

The Assistant Provincial Grand Master congratulated W.Bro. Ian on his installation as the Worshipful Master of the Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons and wished him an enjoyable and successful year

After the Lodge was closed, we all gathered for the customary group photograph.

The Brethren of Stoneleigh Lodge and their guests retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a lovely meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.

# The Provincial Grand Master visits Pride of Surrey Lodge



On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 Pride of Surrey Lodge No 1738 was honoured by the presence of R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, G.M.R.A.C., Provincial Grand Master, and many Provincial Officers of the Year.

The Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Michael Lawrence, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Officers and wished them a most enjoyable afternoon.

He then invited the Provincial Grand Master to present RAM Grand Lodge Certificates to Brothers Edward Terry and Mark Carter.

After the business of the Lodge was concluded the Lodge was closed, and after the customary photographs taken the Temple was re-arranged for the Mark meeting.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Wates. The Provincial Grand Master accompanied by many Provincial Grand Officers entered, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, and offered the gavel. R.W.Bro. Ian said how pleased he was to be visiting Pride of Surrey Lodge. He introduced the Provincial team saying how good it was to see so many Provincial Officers present and thanked them for their support over the past two years.

He said that there were just 106 days to our

Festival Event and talked about the change of venue to Brighton. He spoke about how the MBF supports national and local charities, as well as our members and their families.

Future events planned are the Charity Golf Day in May, the Inter Province Cricket Tournament hosted by Surrey in July, and the Cha Di Da in October, all of which he encouraged everyone to support.

He then had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Edward Terry with his MBF Vice Patron award thanking him for his support for the Festival.



W.Bro. Duncan Cameron was Proclaimed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and the Officers for the year were appointed and invested.



The Secretary, W.Bro. Chris Casselden, Provincial Grand Tyler, said that the units he Tyles for in Sutton very generously continued to pay his Tyler fees while meetings were suspended.

He said that he had decided to donate this money to the Sutton Masonic Hall and the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival and had much pleasure in presenting our Provincial Grand Master with a donation to the MBF. R.W.Bro. Ian thanked W.Bro. Chris for his kind donation.

After the Lodge was closed, photographs were again taken, and the Brethren of Pride of Surrey Lodge and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



**Cha Di Da 2022**

Double Room £110 B & B

£59 pp

Arrival 6.30pm for 7pm

**DINNER** Carriages Midnight

**Dance Party**

**SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER**  
**Reigate Manor Hotel - Reigate Hill**

Dancing : Craig Jefferson as Elvis & Jahson Nembhard (formerly of the Drifters)

3 Course Meal • Charity Raffle • Party Surprises

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To download the Cha Di Da booking form visit

<http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/News/Cha-Di-Da-Booking-Form-2022.pdf>

## Another Candidate for Lingfield Lodge

In April 2022, Lingfield Lodge No 1419 Advanced another Candidate into our Order. Present at the meeting was W.Bro. Tim Ford, P.G.J.D., Provincial Grand Secretary, attending as an Honorary Member of the Lodge, and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, G.J.O., Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master.



The afternoon started off with a Royal Ark Mariner meeting where the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Wally Maynard, welcomed everyone and wished them an enjoyable afternoon. The main item on the agenda was to Proclaim W.Bro. Wally as Worshipful Commander for the ensuing year. The Worshipful Commander then appointed and invested his officers.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Beer, P.Prov.A.G.D.C. (Lon), who welcomed everyone to the meeting. V.W.Bro Chris Eley was saluted with 5 under the direction of the Lodge Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Michael Flynn, Prov.G.St.B., and V.W.Bro. Chris responded accordingly.

A ballot for Advancement was conducted in respect of Bro. Craig Lawrence Burdock a member of Oakfield Lodge No 7011, proposed by W.Bro. David Planner and seconded by W.Bro. Bob Soper.



This proved in his favour and Bro. Craig Burdock was admitted and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason in an excellent manner by W.Bro. John Beer, assisted by W.Bro. Tim Ford who acted as Senior Warden and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, who acted as Senior Deacon.



After the Lodge was closed and the customary photos taken the Brethren of the Lingfield Mark Lodge and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal at the Nutfield Masonic Hall.

# The Installation Meeting of Richmond Lodge Of Royal Ark Mariners



The Installation meeting of the Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held in April 2022.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Wayne Lucas, and W.Bro. Graham Ellis was welcomed into the Lodge as a joining member.

W.Bro. Wayne Lucas installed Bro. James Walker as Worshipful Commander for the ensuing year in a most sincere manner, ably assisted by W.Bro. Garth Blanchard, Prov.R.A.M.G.R.

The Worshipful Commander appointed his Officers and invested those present: The Address to the Worshipful Commander was given by W.Bro. Tim Ford, R.A.M.G.R.

After the customary photographs, the Brethren of Richmond Lodge and their guest sat down to a most enjoyable Royal Ark Mariner festive board



## Our Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary is the Primus Master of the Surrey United Services Lodge

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> April the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Surrey, R.W.Bro. Ian M Chandler Constituted and Consecrated the Surrey United Services Lodge No 9999 at the Croydon Masonic Hall.

Surrey United Services Lodge  
No. 9999



The membership of the Lodge is made up of members of the police, fire services, and ambulance personnel; as well as members of the armed services; the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

The Primus Master is W.Bro. David Thomas Clark, our Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary.



# Other News

## A Visit to Southend on Sea

In March 2022, W.Bro. Chris Eley, Worshipful Commander of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge, and W.Bro. John French, the Worshipful Master of the Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge, were invited to attend the meetings of the Essex Enthroned Commanders and Installed Mark Masters Lodges held at Saxon Hall in Southend-on-Sea.



Attending the meeting was the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of London, R.W.Bro. Tom Quinn, and guests from other Provinces.



A Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. John Finlay. The Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Terence Sheern, was received into the Essex Enthroned Commanders' Lodge, took the sceptre and was saluted with 7 under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.



The Provincial Grand Master invested a number of Brethren with Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. In his Address he thanked everyone for attending and congratulated those who had received Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in December, as well as those who had received Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank today. He spoke about the Essex Mark 2030 MBF Festival thanking all those who had become a Festival Steward already.

He spoke about all the good causes the MBF has supported over the years saying that is why he wants to make their Festival as good as they can. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Secretary, Director of Ceremonies and their teams for their hard work in ensuring the success of the meeting and invited the Worshipful Commander to resume the chair.

The Lodge was then closed, and we all retired while the Temple was set up for the Mark meeting.



A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Derek Manister and several joining members were balloted for and welcomed into the Lodge.

The main item on the agenda was to Install, W.Bro. David Awcock, as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The ceremony was conducted in an excellent manner by the Installing Master.

W.Bro. David was congratulated by the RW. Provincial Grand Master and after the Almoner and Charity Steward reports the Lodge was closed in due form.

After refreshments in the bar the members of the Kent Installed Mark Masters Lodge and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable festive board at the Saxon Hall in Southend-on-Sea.



# A Visit to the Middlesex Installed Commanders Lodge



As the Worshipful Commander of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge, our Editor was invited to the meeting of the Middlesex Installed Commanders Lodge held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Cole Court, Twickenham. The 2022 Annual Provincial Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners was held during the meeting.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. John Edwards, R.A.M.G.R. and after the regular business of the Lodge had been concluded the Lodge was called off.

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Eddie Garty, accompanied by Members of the Provincial Executive and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex entered in procession.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed the Officiating Officers and opened the Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners 2022 in due form.



The Lodge then received a most interesting and informative Prestonian Lecture on 'Freemasonry during the Great War' from W,Bro, Michael Karn.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed the Provincial Assembly, closed the Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners 2022 in due form, and retired in procession with the Provincial Officers.



After the Lodge was closed and photos taken, we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an excellent meal at the Twickenham District Masonic Centre.



The Provincial Grand Master received the Travelling Ark from W.Bro. Jack Flint of Hampton Court Lodge No 448.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the recipients of Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank for 2022 and presented a number of MBF Collarettes.



W.Bro. Greer Kirkwood, seen here with other Surrey Mark Masons, was elected Worshipful Commander for the Ensuing year. W.Bro. Greer is the Treasurer of Woodgrange Lodge No 1111 and Fratres Calami Aerariique No 1704.



# March Communication of Mark Grand Lodge



On Tuesday, 8 March, Brethren from across the Constitution arrived at Freemasons' Hall, London, for the first communication of Mark Grand Lodge of 2022.

There at the Mark Benevolent Fund table outside the doors to the Grand Temple was our Provincial Grand Master.

While the Pro Grand Master was inside the Temple during rehearsals greeting the Brethren.

Wearing their chains for the last time at Mark Grand Lodge were W.Bro. Paul Wicking, **G.Stwd.**, our Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, **G.J.O.**

It was so good to see M.W.Bro. Peter Ribi, Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of Switzerland, a member of Frederick Wheeler Lodge of Mark Master Masons, with his very impressive collar.

In his address, the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, took the theme of 'A Helping Hand' to highlight the need for Brethren to assist those who may not yet be comfortable returning to meetings adding that "A Helping Hand, to enable members to return, needs thought, action and sensitivity, which I know you have in abundance".



After the meeting the Brethren of Surrey gathered for the customary group photo before retiring to a local hostelry for refreshments.



# Kevin's Half Marathon

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the day after the Annual Meeting of Surrey Mark Master Masons, Kevin Woodward found himself in the grounds of Hampton Court in readiness for running the Palace Half Marathon. The chilly morning had not deterred runners as some 3308 massed at the start line.

Henry VIII stood outside his residence and wished them well. All too soon the call for Wave 1 runners to gather at the warmup zone was announced, shortly after which the countdown started, and they were off.

The day was beautiful with temperatures perfect for running. Kevin was wearing the colours of his running club, the Epsom Oddballs, which were the same as those of the Ukrainian flag. This felt most appropriate remembering the work the MBF was doing for the Ukrainian relief effort and that this run was in support of the MBF.



The route was very picturesque and reasonably flat. From Hampton Court they ran to Kingston Bridge, crossed the river, and ran down to Esher Station. From there, over Hampton Bridge and back to Kingston Bridge. This time they turned away from Kingston Bridge and entered the Grounds of Hampton Court and, after several more kilometres, crossed the finish line. Two of Kevin's Grandchildren were ready at the finish line waving their banners. Final chip time for his Half Marathon was 1 Hr 36 min and 51 sec.

## W.Bro. Douglas Roy Miller

It with deep regret that we announce the passing to the Grand Lodge Above of our oldest subscribing member and good friend W.Bro. Roy Miller, P.Prov.G.Insp.Wks. Roy passed away peacefully in his care home in Carshalton on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

Roy was a well-loved, popular, and highly respected Mason who dedicated his Masonic life to the Royal Arch Province of Surrey, serving as Second Provincial Grand Principal, having previously been Provincial Grand Scribe E for several years.

Roy was advanced into the Mark Degree in Croydon Mark Lodge No 168 at the age of 91. Present was the 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.

Roy was a highly decorated Royal Navy man having joined as a Boy Seaman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in 1940, aged 16. Following his training he joined the HMS Indomitable, an Illustrious-class aircraft carrier of the Royal Navy, and participated in many campaigns during WWII, including Operation Pedestal, a last attempt to relieve the besieged island of Malta. In his latter years he was very involved in the Burma Star Association and was its Vice Chairman.

Roy was one of those people who you thought would go on forever, but in our sadness let us remember all the good times we spent together, especially when we have a drink in the Miller Bar in Sutton.



# Charity Events



2022 Mark Inter Provincial  
*Cricket Tournament*

**Sunday 17th July  
10:00 to 16:30**

**Venue: The Warren  
Croydon Road, Bromley,  
Kent BR2 7AL**

Entry £5 on the day  
or by Programme

For more information contact  
Bill Caughie: [bill@caughie.com](mailto:bill@caughie.com)

All proceeds  
go to charity

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[www.markmastermasons.org.uk/festival-events-0011.html](http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/festival-events-0011.html)*

