

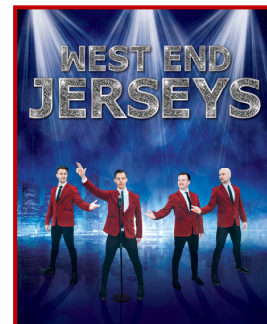
Surrey Mark 2022 Festival Dinner

Have you booked in yet? **The closing date for the Festival Gala Dinner is Tuesday the 31st of May.** Don't miss what will be, for most of us, the Surrey Mark event of a lifetime. As Steve Jones kept telling us, this only happens once every 34 years.

The Festival finale will be held at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Brighton on Saturday 2nd 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.



Can You Beat Billy Boy?



At our last Charity Golf Day in May 2019 John French's dad 'Billy Boy' won the competition for the Nearest The Pin, beating the Golf Pro.

Why not come along to this year's Golf Day and try to beat Billy Boy's record. Our John was a very proud man when our Provincial Grand Master presented his dad with his trophy.



Even if you cannot play golf, it will be a lovely day out at the **Woldingham Golf Club** on **Monday the 16th of May.**

Jim and Mary came along to the last one and had a most enjoyable day.

There is a lovely meal arranged after the golf, when the presentations are made by our Provincial Grand Master.

Details can be found in this issue of the **Surrey Keystone**, and on the web site:

<http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/festival-events-0011.html>



News from around the Province

The Provincial Grand Master visits Weald of Surrey Lodge

On Thursday the 14th of April 2022 the Brethren of the Weald of Surrey Lodge No 1314 were honoured by the presence of R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, Provincial Grand Master, and several Provincial Officers of the Year.



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

The Provincial Grand Master presented the Worshipful Commander with a Vice Patron collarette thanking the Lodge for their support for the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival. Seen here is W.Bro. Chandrikant with his brother Ashwin.

The Lodge then approved a further donation which would take them to Patron level.

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

The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Colin Smith. The Provincial Grand Master accompanied by several 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 Weald of Surrey Lodge. He introduced the Provincial team saying how good it was to see so many attending to support the Lodge, the first visit since the Annual Meeting.



The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Chandrikant Sumaria as Worshipful Master. This was done in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Colin Smith, assisted by Paul Kerswell who presented the Working Tools. The Address to Master was given by W.Bro. Kevin Woodward, to the Wardens by W.Bro. Ashwin Sumaria, to the Overseers by W.Bro. David Lawrence, and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark.

The Provincial Grand Master congratulated W.Bro. Chandrikant and wished him an enjoyable and successful year.

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

A Visit to Welcome Lodge in Sutton.

Now, where is Sutton? Oh yes, slightly south of the A3, I think. The GPS in my trusty car will direct me. And I have Andrew Banks and Barrie Selway as further guiders.

Never had the opportunity to visit before so I grasped the opportunity with both hands. I was a guest of W.Bro. Richard Knox so was guaranteed a good evening. We were small in number but carried off the Royal Ark Mariners meeting and the Mark meeting with smiling dignity. Very Mark!

The astute, acting Master Overseer had raised the standing of the Lodge to a higher-level benefitting Surrey Mark's contribution to the Mark Benevolent Fund. A great achievement bearing in mind the size of the number of members in the lodge.

It is a compact group of members, but I was impressed as ever with the greeting we were given when we arrived. We had a car park space too as we were the only Lodge who had a meeting that evening. Don't be put off, there is a sizeable pay as you park nearby. The building itself is impressive from the outside but also quite striking in the main temple. The members greeted us all well as you would expect at a Mark meeting.

As you can see, we were in good company. All would be required to take a part in the demonstration of the Advancement Ceremony. The volunteer Candidate was James King who was only at his second meeting and afterwards admitted how much he had enjoyed the experience of revisiting what he had been through a couple of months or so earlier. We took part and carried out the entire ceremony. James was further involved when he was presented with his Grand Lodge Certificate by W.Bro. Terry Carpenter. He told me afterwards how much he was enjoying his entry into our friendly degree.

I must point out that the entire ceremony was conducted by Andrew Lynch from Pleydell Bouverie Lodge No. 955, a visitor, who took the Worshipful Masters role with great aplomb. He had a great command of the ceremony and was very genuine in his presentation. He is a credit to Surrey Mark Masonry.

The festive board was of a high standard, the toasts were superbly delivered, and we went home having enjoyed a great WELCOME by the members of No 1237.



Article and photos by Michael Fenech

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

A Candidate for H A Mann Mark Lodge

On Thursday the 28th of April 2022 H A Mann Lodge No 1197 Advanced another candidate into the Lodge.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Hatton and their Official Visitor, W.Bro. Paul Fitzgerald, P.A.G.D.C., P.Prov.G.S.W., was welcomed.



The main item on the agenda was to Advance Brother Nicholas Graham Zuest Blake of Star of Stoneleigh Lodge No 8244. This was conducted in a most enjoyable manner by the Worshipful Master and his Officers, some of whom were guests of the Lodge. Bro. Nicholas was congratulated and welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and into the Order by the Official Visitor.

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

The Surrey Mark
Charity Golf Day
Monday 16th May 2022

Woldingham Golf Club, Halliloo Valley Road,
Woldingham, Surrey, CR3 7HA

To raise funds for
the Festival charity

As well as a great day of Golf
there will be competitions for:

BEAT THE PRO
SINGLE PRIZE
NEAREST THE PIN
LONGEST DRIVE
TEAM COMPETITION
PUTTING COMPETITION
NEAREST THE PIN IN TWO

For more information and to book your place visit:
www.markmastermasons.org.uk/festival-events-0011.html

A circular logo for the Surrey Mark Charity Golf Day 2022. It features a central emblem with a cross and other symbols, surrounded by the text 'The Surrey Mark Charity Golf Day 2022' and 'Woldingham Golf Club'.

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Other News

Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison, Assistant Grand Master

We were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our Assistant Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison, who passed away on Wednesday, 20 April.

Stephen was well known to us as a Mark Man. Having been advanced in Howe Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Leicestershire and Rutland on 21 January 1997 (and elevated in Simon De Montfort Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner on 25 May 2009), he served three years as Provincial Grand Secretary before being appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 2014, promoted to Provincial Grand Master in 2015.

His ability to lead was soon spotted by Grand Lodge, and in June 2017 Stephen was appointed as Assistant Grand Master. He filled the Office with great enthusiasm, warmth, good humour, and an approachable demeanour, which made him incredibly popular with Brethren across the Constitution.

During his five years in Office, Stephen enjoyed many Installations, Consecrations, and celebratory meetings, giving him the opportunity to visit Lodges, Provinces, and Districts, meeting Mark Brethren and sharing with them the special occasion that had brought them together.

One of life's gentle giants who always had a smile and a friendly handshake for everyone he met, he discharged his duties with a quiet confidence and was well skilled in putting anxious Brethren at ease.

Undoubtedly, R.W.Bro. Steve was one of the nicest people anyone would wish to meet, and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



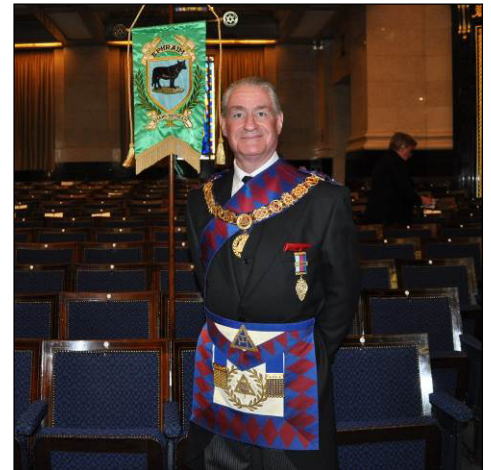
Congratulations to our Provincial Grand Secretary

At the Regular Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter held on Thursday the 28th of April 2022 at Freemasons' Hall, London, our Provincial Grand Secretary, Tim Ford, of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was appointed and invested as Grand Standard Bearer.

We are also delighted to hear that at the Annual Convocation of Provincial Grand Chapter later this month Tim is to be appointed and invested as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, taking over from John Billett of Collingwood Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Also receiving appointments in Supreme Grand Chapter Rank were Ian Smith of Weyside Lodge of Mark Master Masons, who received promotion to Past Grand Standard Bearer; Ken Martin of Woodgrange Lodge of Mark Master Masons, who received a first appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer; and Wally Maynard of Lingfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons who received his first appointment to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We offer our congratulations to all these Surrey Mark Brethren on their preferment.



Howzat?

We need Cricketers who are better than John French!

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

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

All proceeds
go to charity

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The 2022 Inter Provincial Mark Cricket Tournament

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Sussex by the Sea



The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex took place on Tuesday the 12th of April at The Charmandean Centre in Worthing.

We received a very warm welcome on our arrival, followed by tea/coffee and bacon or sausage butties. There were honoured guests from many Provinces, and other Masonic Orders in Sussex.

By 2.40 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 2.50 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.

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 Provincial Grand Master then received a delegation of Royal Ark Mariners.

Before approving the minutes of the previous meeting, those present remembered the Brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last annual meeting. The Provincial Grand Master then individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders, thanking them for their support for Sussex Mark.

The Provincial Grand Master re-appointed V.W.Bro. Christopher J Farrow, **P.G.J.O.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and W.Bro. David B Dumigan, **P.A.G.D.C.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. In his Address he said how pleased he was that at long last we could meet again in person. The VBM last year was successful, but no substitute for a face-to-face meeting. The future looks bright with the majority keen to return to meetings and looking to the future. He spoke about the inter Province Cricket Match on the 17th July hosted by Surrey; as well as the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival Gala Dinner to be held in Brighton on Saturday 2nd July 2022, encouraging full Sussex support.

The Provincial Grand Master closed by congratulating those Brethren who will receive appointment or promotion in Grand Lodge in June and September; as well as all those he appointed or promoted that day. 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 Master, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession to the echoing strains of the Organist, V.W.Bro. Richard Baker, on loan from Surrey.

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

We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable day at Sussex by the Sea.



A Visit to Pompey

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight took place on Tuesday the 12th of April at The Guildhall, Portsmouth. With us for the day was R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, Assistant Grand Master.

We received a very warm welcome on our arrival from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight team. Sadly R.W.Bro. George Deacon, the Provincial Grand Master, was unable to attend, so the day was presided over by V.W.Bro. Brian Riddler, P.G.J.O., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

We were all invited to a private reception before being called in for luncheon. Over 200 Hampshire and Isle of Wight members and their guests enjoyed a most convivial lunch together.

The Assistant Grand Master was invited to present a special cake to V.W.Bro. Brian Riddler to celebrate his birthday, following which we all sang Happy Birthday to Brian. In the reply to the Toast to the Province V.W.Bro. Brian thanked the Assistant Grand Master for attending and presented him with a small gift in appreciation. There were many Provinces represented at the meeting.

By 2.15 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 2.20 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master who then received Worshipful Masters and Commanders of the Province.

The Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison was received into Provincial Grand Lodge with acclaim and welcomed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders, thanking them for their support for Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark.

After the business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been concluded, W.Bro. Anthony James Green was Presented, Obligated, Installed and Proclaimed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro. Ian James Small was then Presented, Obligated, Installed and Proclaimed as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. He said how sorry he was that the Provincial Grand Master was unable to attend but has asked him to read his Address.

He then had much pleasure in presenting our Provincial Grand Master with a cheque for £10,000 towards the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master closed by inviting V.W.Bro. John Bell, President of the Mark Benevolent Fund to present three Grand Patron Diamond collarettes.

The meeting was then called to order and closed in due form. The Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession.

We all congratulated V.W.Bro. Brian on the way he had conducted the business of Provincial Grand Lodge.



Congratulations to our Provincial Grand Master

At the Annual Meeting of Grand Senatus in the Order of the Scarlet Cord held at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday the 5th of May our Provincial Grand Master and two other Surrey Mark Brethren received appointment or promotion in Grand Rank from the Most Distinguished Grand Summus, M. Dist. Comp. Ian S Currans.



Very Distinguished Companion Ian Smith was reappointed for the third year as Grand Lecturer, and Distinguished Companion Len Hillier received a first appointment to Past Grand Standard Bearer.



Our Provincial Grand Master, Distinguished Companion Ian Clark, received a first appointment to Past Grand Sword Bearer.



There to congratulate our Provincial Grand Master were two Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters; Right Distinguished Companion Arnold Long, the Provincial Grand Summus in the Order of the Scarlet Cord in Surrey; and Distinguished Companion Chris Eley, the Provincial Recorder.



There to support Len on his special day was Alan, Bob, and Jeff from Weald of Surrey Mark Lodge.

Also at the meeting was a special guest, Aaron M Shoemaker, Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees in the USA.

We had a most enjoyable day, and at the end of the meeting we were joined by the Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian S Currans, for a group photograph.

