



A Message from our Provincial Grand Master

I thank you all for complying with the conditions of the Government lock down, which are for the benefit of us all and the whole community. Sadly we have lost a few of our members to this dreadful virus and my thoughts are with their families and friends. What of the future? We'll meet again but, in the words of the song, I don't know when. This week however we have seen a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel. The government has set out its exit strategy and from Mark Grand Lodge, firstly a Provisional Blueprint for an Exit Strategy and secondly an opportunity for Lodges that have missed meetings because of the current suspension to hold Virtual Business Meetings where they can demonstrate a necessity. Full details have been sent to Lodge Secretaries and any queries should be addressed to the Provincial Grand Secretary, provgsec@markmastermasons.org.uk.

I have been heartened by the many ways that our members are using to keep in touch, such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Messenger, ZOOM, email and of course the good old telephone. Whatever your preferred form of communication, as I have said before – it's good to talk. We need to continue to look after each other and John Coleman as the Provincial Almoner stands ready to continue to support our members. Please don't suffer in silence.



This week would have been the **Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge**, which due to the general suspension will sadly not take place. At that meeting a number of our Brethren would have been the recipient of Active Grand Rank and

First Appointments to Grand Rank, they will all assume their new ranks with immediate effect. I congratulate every one of them on their well deserved preferment and thank them for their work in their Lodges and for their support for the Province. Our Editor, VW.Bro. Chris Eley, becomes the active Grand Junior Overseer and W.Bro. Paul Wicking becomes a Grand Steward. Full details of the appointments are shown on the Provincial web site.

In support of the MBF 2022 Festival W.Bro. Mike Neville has organized a **Quiz Night** on 3rd July, details overleaf, please support this fun night. W.Bro. Simon McCarthy is going to **cycle 2022 miles** for the Festival, and Nigel Feltham will be undertaking the **Nijmegen Walk** in July next year. I feel certain that I can rely on as many as are able to sponsor these events. Finally, I decided to postpone the **Cha Di Da** from October to **27th February 2021**; all other details remain the same and will appear on the Provincial web site very soon.

Stay Safe and Keep Well.



Did you know that?

Pronghorn antelopes have 10X vision, which means that on a clear night they can see the rings of Saturn
Employees of Ferrari are not allowed to buy Ferrari cars.

Photo Competition

Thanks to those who have submitted photos for our competition to win a year's entry in the **Surrey Mark 2022 Festival Bonus Ball Game**

A reminder that all you have to do is submit a photograph to comms@markmastermasons.org.uk with a theme of **Social Distancing**. The closing date for the free competition is **30th June 2020** and the winner will be announced in the July issue of the **surrey keystone**.

This competition is open to Surrey Mark Masons only.



Surrey 2022 MBF Festival Polo Shirts

Have you ordered your Polo Shirt yet? A reminder that those that order their Polo Shirt(s) during June may receive a



"special delivery service" via the "Surrey Biker Lads".

Bro. Brian Clutterbuck, Charity Steward of Richmond Mark Lodge, rode all the way to Worthing to deliver one to VW.Bro. Richard Baker.

Order your very own **Surrey 2022 Polo Shirt**.

Available Sizes: Large, Extra Large, XXL. Cost £20 including delivery. See the web site for an order form.

Social Distancing

Our Editor has found a use for his Allied Masonic Degrees napkin now that all Masonic Activities have been suspended. With a bit of green ribbon sown on they make great face masks.

Whilst walking in the park one morning he came across W.Bro. Nigel Feltham with his dog Molly. Nigel is feeling a little down at the moment as his Nijmegen Walk has been cancelled. Wanting to cheer him up Chris handed Nigel one of the AMD Napkins.



Nigel will be taking part in the walk in 2021, from the 20th to the 23rd July, and hopes that Lodges and individuals will continue to sponsor him to raise funds for our 2022 Festival.

Congratulations

We are delighted to hear that on the 9th June our Provincial Grand Master will be elected to serve on the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

I am sure you will all wish to join me in offering RW.Bro. Ian Clark our congratulations. Ed.



Thank You to the Nutfield Masonic Centre



As reported in the **surrey keystone**, a highly successful frozen meal food service has been operating from Nutfield Lodge Centre. However, the Board of Nutfield Lodge and their catering partner, All Time Catering Ltd, have made the decision to suspend the frozen food initiative, at least for the time being, effective immediately.

Easier access to grocery shopping has resulted in a significant fall in demand for the frozen meals. They are pleased and proud to have been of some small service to Freemasons, their families, Nutfield Parish Council and the local community by providing the frozen meal service over the past few months.

On the Bank Holiday Monday a gardening event was held in the Nutfield car park. On sale were bedding plants, hanging baskets, tubs, as well as locally sourced potatoes and eggs. The gardening event was compliant with social distancing guidelines.

Bonus Ball Update

Congratulations to the May Bonus Ball winners:

Trevor Sadler of Pleydell Bouverie Lodge, Ian Clark of Rose Lodge, Roger Short of Ditton Lodge, Adam Spevak of Ditton Lodge, John Fleetwood of Richmond Lodge, Knightsbridge Lodge, Anthony Odling of Lingfield Lodge, Steve Guzy of Collingwood Lodge, Alan Whiddett of Kintore Lodge, and Roger Short of Ditton Lodge (**again!**)

Don't miss out on having fun and supporting your Mark 2022 Festival at the same time. The Surrey Mark 2022 Festival Bonus Ball Game costs only £10.00 to enter for 10 Games and you will be in with a chance of winning the £30.00 per week prize money. We are running two games at the moment and if we can get a few more players we could run a third game – lets try. To purchase a ball, or for any other queries, please contact the co-ordinator, W.Bro. John Fitzgerald. See <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/bonus-ball.html> for more information.



Provincial Grand Officers Mess

The 2020 Provincial Grand Officers' Mess was held on Friday the 15th May. It was a little different this year as due to the suspension of all Masonic activities the meeting was held online using the Zoom video conferencing tool. See <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/news-0380.html>

After the reports were presented and the Officers for 2020-2021 were elected a proposal to donate the sum of £2022 towards the Surrey 2022 MBF Festival was approved by the members. Our Provincial Grand Master thanked the members of the Mess for their kind donation.



Mike's Marvellous Mysterious Mark Quiz

W.Bro. Mike Neville has organised a Zoom Quiz to raise funds for our Festival and have fun at the same time.

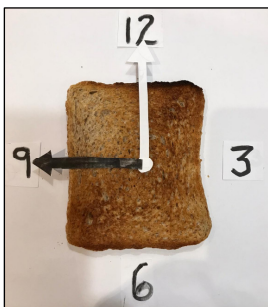
The Quiz will be held on **Friday 3rd July 2020**. Start Time 7pm finish time 8.30pm. Entry is £10 per team, which includes entry to Ray's Raffle.

Wives, partners, children are all eligible to join in. There will be 6 Rounds of 10 Questions with a raffle at the end of every round. Dress code is the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival Polo Shirt. Bring your own food and drink! Details can be found on <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/festival-events-0022.html>

Staying in Touch

The current situation has certainly brought out a sense of humour in our Brethren. We previously shared a photo that W.Bro. Ray Seeley sent to our WhatsApp group of him in Mark regalia drinking our health at 9 pm.

Then a week later he sent to us his idea of the 9 o'clock toast.



Lodge members have also been using other ways to keep in touch, hold committee meetings, and even virtual Lodges of Instruction. Let us know what your Lodge is doing, with a photo if possible. Send an email to comms@markmastermasons.org.uk

Not to be outdone one of our members then replied to say that the hands were on the square.



And then we had the square was on the hands....



I wandered lonely as a cloud
Two metres from the madding crowd
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioners' special hour.
I'd gone to get a bag of flour.
But I forgot, when through the door,
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff are extra kind.
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They asked what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask.
She reminded me of this special task:
"I need some flour to bake a cake
with all that cream you made me take."

"Ah yes I recall" I had to lie.
I dared not ask what flower to buy
But then I saw them next the tills
a bunch of golden daffodils!