

Queen Elizabeth II



We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. For over seventy years she has dedicated her life to service for her country and the Commonwealth and been a figurehead of national unity and stability at a time of enormous change.

She has always led with a quiet determination and selfless devotion, and has been all that is the very best in us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family.

A message of condolence on behalf of all members of our Orders, has been sent by the Grand Secretary to Buckingham Palace.

The Summons for the first meeting of any Unit following the announcement should have a black border applied, and black ties should be worn.

A period of silent reflection should be observed immediately after the meeting has been opened.

The meeting of Mark Grand Lodge went ahead as scheduled, at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 13th of September with M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, Pro Grand Master presiding.

Appointment of new Rulers in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons

M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith, Pro Grand Master, indicated his wish to retire and stood down at the September Communication of Grand Lodge.

In consequence of this news, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:



As Pro Grand Master:
R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman,
Dep.G.M.

As Deputy Grand Master:
R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer,
A.G.M.

As Assistant Grand Master:
R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson,
Prov.G.M. for Durham.

We all extend our heartiest congratulations to our new Rulers who were invested on the 13th of September.

At the meeting the Most Worshipful Grand Master promoted our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John French, to Past Junior Grand Overseer; and W.Bro. Mike Neville, to Past Grand Junior Deacon; as well as Surrey Mark Masons promoted through other Provinces. W.Bro. John Billett, to Past Junior Grand Overseer: W.Bro. Peter Brown, to Past Grand Junior Deacon: and W.Bro. Rob Downing, to Past Grand Junior Deacon. Our congratulations to all.

A Royal Ark Mariner for 50 years



At the meeting of Ditton Royal Ark Mariner Lodge our Provincial Master, RW.Bro. Ian N Clark, was inducted as Worshipful Commander of the Lodge by V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes.

After the Officers had been appointed the Provincial Grand Master presented W.Bro. Henry (Harry) Beal with a Certificate commemorating 50 years in Royal Ark Mariner Masonry.

W.Bro. Harry was elevated into H A Mann Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No 1197 in September 1972 and was Worshipful Commander in 1981. He received Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 1993 and Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 2003.

The Provincial Grand Master had much pleasure in presenting W.Bro. Harry with his Certificate wishing him many more years to enjoy his Royal Ark Mariner Masonry.



The Installation Meeting of the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge



The Installation meeting of the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1704 was held at Nutfield on Monday 18th July 2022.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Tim Ford opened the Lodge and welcomed the members and guests. After the minutes had been approved a Dispensation was read by the Secretary for W.Bro. Richard Knox to be Master of two Lodges.

The Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Peter Bullock to occupy the Senior Warden's Chair and W.Bro. Richard Knox was presented to W.Bro. Tim Ford by the Director of Ceremonies. W.Bro. Richard recited his Obligation; a Board of Installed Masters was opened; and W.Bro. Tim installed W.Bro. Richard 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 V.W.Bro. Chris Eley; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Jim Moyes; to the Overseers by V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes; and to the Brethren by W.Bro. Simon Williams. The Officers of the Lodge were then appointed and invested.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been concluded the Lodge was closed and we all retired to the bar for some refreshments before going into our dining room for a convivial meal.



A Day Out at The Oval

At our Annual Meeting in March our Provincial Grand Master drew the tickets for the Grand Prize draw.

A pair of tickets for the England v India One Day International at the Oval on the 12th of July 2022, was won by W.Bro. Syd Furlonger of Richmond Mark Lodge.

W.Bro. Syd said that he had a wonderful day at the Oval and thanked V.W.Bro. Arnold Long, one of our Past Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, for making all the arrangements.

Well Done Again Nigel

Last year W.Bro. Nigel Feltham had to walk an alternative Vierdaagse (4 days) around Surrey because of the Pandemic, this year it was back to reality. After being cancelled for the past two years the 104th Nijmegen march in Holland was back on.

This year was tough. The first day had to be cancelled due to the heat (hitting 40 degrees), we walked anyway starting off around 5am and continued for a few hours crossing the famous Nijmegen Bridge. By 9am we finished as it was getting too hot. Not the distance we had wanted, but at least we did something.

The official Day 1 saw nearly 40,000 starters. Again it was a very hot day and we completed our 25 miles by 2pm.....The next day, the heavens opened ...wet most of the day. Nigel-was soaked, as was all his kit and spare kit, they were miserable, but they made it.

The final day was the usual party atmosphere, even the weather was kind, They finished, exhausted at around 2.30pm....the whole experience had been worth it, and Nigel has signed up for next year. 35,000 completed the walk.

Nigel said, "As always, I would like to thank my wife Nicola, a physiotherapist, for doing my stretches, patching me up and getting me ready and in the right frame of mind for each day. I walked in aid of the stroke association, raising over £2,200".



A first visit to Mark Grand Lodge



I had the pleasure of the company of W.Bro. Barrie Selway for my first visit to a Mark Grand Lodge Meeting held in Great Queen Street on



September 13th, 2022.



I was slightly concerned never having attended such an august function before. I had visited with my Craft lodge from another Province, but this was a first with Mark.

Slightly dismal weather and the death of our Monarch were topics of conversation on the way up. We arrived in Waterloo in good time and soon we were at Great Queen Street. Everywhere we went were met with greetings from Mark men from other provinces. I took the occasion to buy a new black tie which were much in demand in the Freemasons Shop. Placed myself on a side seat next to where dignitaries would enter to get a better view of all the proceedings.



Our Grand Master was unable to be present and appropriate wishes were sent to him. The meeting was an opportunity to see the new Pro Grand Master M.W. Bro. John Prizeman, the new Deputy Grand Master, RW'Bro. Frank Spencer, and the new Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson installed.





This was a superb meeting carried out with appropriate solemnity and very much highlighted when, at the end, we stood for the National Anthem sung to an arrangement of uplifting spirits encouraged by the trumpeters once again.

There followed an impressive number of promotions which were of deep meaning to those involved and a source of pride to those from Surrey when W.Bro. John French, W.Bro. John Billett, W.Bro. Mike Neville, W.Bro. Peter Brown, and W.Bro. Rob Downing, approached the chair to receive their honours.



Then to the Connaught Rooms, which I had never viewed before. They were spectacularly adorned with massive chandeliers and attractive lighting. A beautiful dining area.

The food was served efficiently, and the main course was of a very good standard. Dessert followed and throughout we were entertained by a quintet or was it a sextet. The music was so appropriate with light classic renditions, a touch of Gilbert and Sullivan, tunes from the Bond films and much more.

All this was rounded off when two of the trumpeters came down into our lovely dining area. They entertained us to a musical duel which, at the end, brought everyone to their feet with tremendous applause. Wow!!! That was just brilliant. Then the journey home. Bed early.

Tired but impressed by the whole day and looking forward to the next time.

Article by Michael Fenech and photos by Chris Eley



Woodstock Lodge of Mark Master Masons meets again



On the 1st of September 2022 at Surbiton Masonic Hall, the Warrant of the Woodstock Lodge was taken out of reponement and has once again taken its place on the roll of active Lodges in the Province of Surrey. Our Provincial Grand Master supported the idea of another special interest Lodge, in this case one dedicated to the appreciation of grape and grain.

Everyone was seated in the Temple by 11 am and the Provincial Grand Master, RW.Bro. Ian N Clark, entered in procession accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the year. The Provincial Grand Master opened a Lodge of Mark Master Masons and was saluted with 7 under the

direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Paul Wicking.



The Provincial Grand Master welcomed everyone to Woodstock Mark Lodge and talked about the purposes of the reponed Lodge, expressing his thanks to those who were joining the Lodge to make today possible.

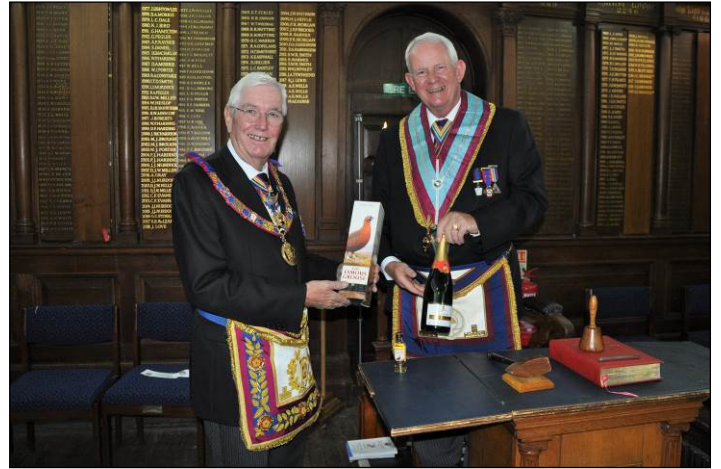
After the Dispensation was read by the Provincial Grand Registrar the Provincial Grand Master installed W.Bro. Mike Ellis in the Chair of Woodstock Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1569. W.Bro. Mike was congratulated by the Provincial Grand Master who wished him a successful year.



W.Bro. Geoffrey Nickson was invested as Senior Warden and W.Bro. David Coombes was invested as Junior Warden. The Joining Members were balloted for, and the Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers. The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Paul Haycock; to the Overseers by W.Bro. Graham Beer; and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark.

After the Lodge By-Laws had been approved and the Auditors elected, W.Bro. Mike Ellis was declared Worshipful Master of the Woodstock Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1569 for the ensuing year and a Notice of Motion was given to approve the change of name from Woodstock Lodge of Mark Master Masons to The Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

The Worshipful Master had much pleasure in presenting with RW.Bro. Ian with a small token of his appreciation.



As our Provincial Grand Master was rather underwhelmed with this, W.Bro. Mike then presented R W.Bro. Ian with a bottle of bubbly for his wife Pat, and a bottle of Famous Grouse for him – Grape and Grain. The Lodge was then closed, and the customary photographs were taken.



After refreshments in the bar the Brethren of Woodstock Lodge of Mark Master Masons and their guests sat down to a splendid meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

As is the usual custom at Mark Festive Boards the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees all wore their AMD napkins.



An Emergency Meeting of Croydon Lodge



In August 2022, Croydon Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 198 held an Emergency Meeting to Advance two Candidates into the Order.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Tim Ford, P.G.J.D., Provincial Grand Secretary, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A ballot for Advancement was conducted in respect of Brother Lee David Bowdery and Brother Barrie John William McKenna, both members of Stoneleigh Coronation Lodge No. 5699. This proved in their favour and Bros. Lee and John were admitted and advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master Mason in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Tim Ford.



The Senior Deacon was Bro. David Hibberd and Acting Junior Deacon was W.Bro. Les Ford, **GStwd**. V.W.Bro Chris Eley, a guest of the Lodge, was also quite busy that afternoon acting as Secretary, Registrar of Marks, and Tyler.

It was an excellent meeting, and well done to all who took part to ensure that Bothers Lee and Barrie had the best Advancement Ceremony possible.



After the Lodge was closed the members of Stoneleigh Coronation Craft Lodge welcomed their two Brethren into the Mark Degree.

An enjoyable meeting of Stoneleigh Lodge



On Friday the 9th of September Stoneleigh Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons held a meeting at Sutton Masonic Hall.

I was dropping copies of the Mark Year Books to Sutton Masonic Hall on behalf of our Provincial Grand Registrar when I met the members of the Lodge in the bar between meetings. As there were only 6 members able to attend, I offered to assist by acting as the Junior, Senior and Master Overseers.



The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ian Baillie, presided over a very short but most enjoyable meeting. After the Lodge was closed, Stoneleigh Lodge being the first Surrey Mark Lodge to meet after the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II the previous afternoon, sang God Save the King for the first time.

Well done Jenny



W.Bro. Mike Neville's daughter Jenny, the Swimathon veteran, recently passed off as an Army Reserve nurse.

Mike says that being involved in Masonic charity events teaches the ethos of "service before self" and it was when she helped with his Masonic walks that elderly people pointed out how caring she was. Hence the nursing career.

Here is a photo of the proud dad with his three daughters. We all wish Jenny a successful and enjoyable time in the Army Reserves.



The William Howes Mark & RAM Class of Instruction

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas



MARK RITUAL
No. 1

2014
(Amended 2017)

The first meeting of The William Howes Mark & RAM Class of Instruction since the resumption of masonic activity took place on Wednesday 7th September at Nutfield Masonic Centre. Our Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. Richard Knox, Assistant Provincial Grand Master were present to support and promote the Class of Instruction

W. Bro. Chris George was re-elected Secretary and W.Bro. Bill Caughie volunteered to take on the role of Preceptor for the remainder of the year. It had proved to be difficult finding a suitable day to hold the Class of Instruction after it became impossible to continue on a Sunday morning, however it has finally been agreed that we will meet on the first Wednesday of the month.

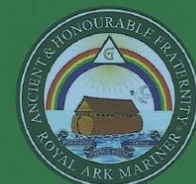
Wednesday 5th October at 7:00pm will be a rehearsal of part of the ceremony of Advancement. All Mark Masons are welcome to attend, not just those whose Mark Lodges meet at Nutfield.

The more observant of you will have noticed it is called a "class" of instruction rather than an LoI,

that is because it is more than just an opportunity to practice the ritual, but also to ask questions about the ceremonies and gain a better understanding of the Order.

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The Ancient and Honourable
Fraternity of
Royal Ark Mariner



RITUAL No. 1

2015
(Reprinted 2019)

Knightsbridge Lodge of Mark Master Masons



In July the Brethren of Knightsbridge Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1878 enjoyed a fine lunch together at The French Table in Surbiton.



The Lodge has one formal meeting a year at Surbiton followed by a fine dining luncheon, and then the members assemble informally for a summer repast

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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Taking place at the
 Leatherhead Golf Club
 Kingston Road, Ashted,
 Leatherhead KT22 0EE

20th September
London Mark Golf Day

The proceeds from the event will be split between the MBF and medical detection dogs who have the ability to detect cancer!

To enter a team contact:
 Simon McCarthy
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- Bacon roll + Coffee
- Tee off 1st and 10th
- Team prize best three scores
- Three nearest the pin
- One longest drive
- Hit the green par three
- Heads and tails
- Three Course Dinner
- Raffle
- Auction

SIMON IS AUCTIONING HIS APARTMENT IN TENERIFE