



£50,000 donated to ShelterBox



On Monday, 6 February 2023 a series of powerful earthquakes devastated southern Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and northern Syria. The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund were quick to act and by the close of business on Tuesday 7, had approved an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the rescue efforts in association with our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity.

The charity is sending an emergency response team to carry out crucial assessments and establish how best their help can be deployed. Their international assessment team will arrive in Türkiye in a few days and will be liaising with contacts on the ground to establish how best to proceed.

The humanitarian need in Türkiye and Syria is immense and growing – it is the most devastating earthquake to hit the region in 100 years and could become the worst. The death toll is likely to rise significantly, and thousands of buildings have been destroyed in both countries leaving people homeless, with nowhere to sleep, in the middle of a bitter winter.

ShelterBox provides different combinations of emergency shelter aid and essential household items during its responses depending on what is needed. This could be sending tents and shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets and clothing to keep people warm through the freezing winter nights.

It could be cash to help people buy what they need to survive. Or it could solar lights that help people when there is no electricity. Getting aid into countries and on to where it's needed after a disaster of this scale presents huge challenges especially with damage to infrastructure and supply routes. That's why ShelterBox strategically pre-positions aid around the world, including in Syria.

This donation of £50,000 from the Mark Benevolent Fund will allow ShelterBox to act quickly, adapting how we work to best support people affected by the earthquakes and allowing them to tailor our aid packages to what is needed. There are currently no plans to set up a central fund from Mark Masons' Hall.

To find out more about the work of ShelterBox visit <https://shelterbox.org/>



This is what your donations to the Mark Benevolent Fund will be used for:

SHELTER BOX TENT - £ 350 When disaster strikes, families need shelter to feel safe again. When they can't start rebuilding their homes immediately, durable tents can make them feel safe and protected. Depending on the weather and the place, the shelter needs of families differ. That's why we're committed to providing families with the best possible solutions that suit their needs. From padded tents that can safely accommodate a stove, to medium-sized tents that fit in small spaces and ones that can last years if needed, families can feel at home again.



SHELTER KITS - £60 We provide shelter kits which include a selection of hardwearing tools and materials that are customised to suit the needs of each community. The tools and materials we send provide the essentials families need to start rebuilding homes straight away, ranging from tough tarpaulin and timber to corrugated sheeting and even room dividers. The versatile tools we provide help with everything from clearing rubble to building shelters and even tending crops. Our tools can also be used to build furniture, cut firewood and make repairs.



BLANKETS - £ 7 Blankets, groundsheets and mattresses not only provide vital warmth, but comfort too when families are recovering from disaster. These simple items can be used in a variety of ways, from bedding to room dividers, and help turn a shelter into a home.



S OLAR LIGHTS - £ 11 Our solar lights can last up to 24 hours on just one charge on the lowest setting. They are lightweight and waterproof, making them easy to carry in any situation. Because they are so safe, cheap and easy to use, families use solar lights in different ways – for work, education, family activities, or simply moving around at night. They are more than just light – they can provide comfort and allow families to regain their livelihoods.



Sunny Southern Counties

Our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the District Grand Prefect of the Allied Masonic Degrees, John French, and his Deputy, Bob Tuthill recently paid a visit to Botley for the AMD Southern Counties Annual District Meeting.

Present at the meeting was M.W.Bro. John Prizeman the Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons who warmly congratulated John French on his forthcoming Installation as the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Surrey at Croydon on Saturday the 18th of March, and he told John how much he was looking forward to conducting the ceremony.



Another Candidate for Bond of Friendship Mark



As you can see from the photo some of the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees were faithfully wearing their AMD napkins.

On Saturday the 21st of January Bond of Friendship Mark Lodge advanced its newest member, W.Bro Wayne Tibbs of Burstow lodge.

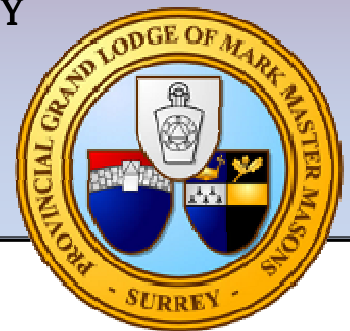
Wayne is an experienced mason and is the Chairman of The Friends of James Terry Court Committee. They had an enjoyable festive board after with plenty of laughter and friendly banter.



The 2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held on Saturday the 18th of March 2023 at the Croydon Masonic Hall at which Most Worshipful Brother John Herbert Prizeman Pro Grand Master will install V.W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, P.G.J.O. as **PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER for SURREY**

The meeting will commence at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. Provincial Grand Lodge will resume at 3 p.m.



Burns Night 2023



The Royal Order of Scotland, together with Mark Masons of Surrey. January 2023, what a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

A short trip to Guildford and there we were in a modern, brightly furnished centre ready for an evening of Scottish celebration. The bar was soon full of like-minded people, friends from Mark and the Royal Order of Scotland. There were men in kilts and ladies in gorgeous dresses with Scottish tartan very much in evidence. Drinks were purchased and we were quickly invited to dine. The Scottish Royal flag was accompanied on both sides with the Scottish National flag. Tables for over a hundred and sixteen guests were beautifully decorated. Mrs. Brockwell had placed on each one a handmade corsage made from harvests past for the ladies. A lovely thought! Alan Brockwell was there to welcome and guide us all to our respective places. Then we began!



The pipes started up and the piper, Ralph Potter, walked in leading Charles Stoddart, Provincial Grand Master of the Royal Order of Scotland (SE), and Ian Clark, Provincial Grand Master of the Surrey Mark. This was a joint fundraising

event. A truly impressive opening to Burns Night.

After grace, we were treated to the presentation of the Haggis by W. Bro. Stoddart. Very amusing and delivered with much gusto. We relaxed and were promptly served with "La Panse du Brebis Farcie". Yes, Haggis. This succulent part of our meal was soon eaten with relish and there were many compliments uttered around our respective tables. I had my fair share, which was followed by roast beef and all the trimmings. Dessert was traditional and washed down with our choice of drinks.



There then followed the toasts starting with the toast to the King. W. Bro Bill Caughie delivered a thoughtful, amusing and fascinating Selkirk Toast. "*Some hae meat and canna eat, and some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thankit.*" His Toast to the Ladies raised a few eyebrows and smiles.

"*It is natural for a young fellow to like the acquaintance of females and customary for him to keep them company when occasion serves*". There were several references to Robbie Burns, as was befitting the evening.

Ena Hanks, a sparkle in her eye, replied on behalf of the ladies with an equally thought provoking and humorous response.

W. Bro Stoddart then ordered the raffle which raised a serious amount for good causes. So many raffle prizes, so many smiles.

The evening was brought to a genuinely friendly ending with the singing of Auld Lang Syne accompanied, of course, by those amazing bagpipes.

We hope to see you all again next year for this worthwhile and most enjoyable event.

I have often thought that if a well-grounded affection be not really a part of virtue, it is something extremely akin to it.

Robert Burns

Article by Michael Fenech





A Visit to Richmond Lodge No 808



The history of this lodge's name is interesting. One of London's richest boroughs. The Mark Men of this lodge are of a richness not founded in wealth alone but rather in wealth of character. We had travelled from the North as representatives of an older lodge, if numbering were the deciding factor. We are St Andrews 806 of Farnham in the NORTH.

Our reception was immediately warm and welcoming in the usual Mark manner. We were given jobs to carry out so that the Royal Ark Mariner lodge be correctly laid out. The incumbent Commander was unable to be present and in stepped W.Bro. Wayne Lucas. The meeting, under his guidance, dealt with the business in a swift manner, nothing unusual, just good humoured and capable action carried out in the typical manner of this degree.



Two candidates for Elevation were put through their ceremonies by the knowledgeable and relaxing W.Bro. Tim Ford. He does know his stuff. The meeting closed with a smile on everyone's face. Well done, Worshipful Commander and team.

The lodge welcomed two joining and re-joining members. The guest Director of Ceremonies was W.Bro. Les Smith, Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. He was firm, kind and very, very, able. And there was more!



There was a flurry of activity as we rearranged the lodge for the Mark Degree. And there was time for a good chinwag. With the lodge under the smiling control of the soft-spoken Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Nick Butterworth, business was transacted in the usual capable manner by all members of the lodge.



The Festive Board at Surbiton has a reputation for good quality and excellent service. This was very much on display as the servers had everything under control for those who wanted alternative repasts.

I was seated next to a fellow teacher, Michael Beckerman, who was so interesting and an everywhere traveller, student of personal philosophy and an all-round most fascinating Mark man to have as company.

On my right was our newly elevated document genius Bro. Allan Steel and my three in one Grand Officer, Barrie Selway.

Highflyers everywhere! Opposite me was the man who must eat algorithms for breakfast with his Weetabix, W.Bro. John Fitzgerald. He of the Bonus Ball.

And there was more! A good friend of Mark, Bro. Andrew Banks, was present and much to the relief of the other two visitors happily gave the response to the Toast to the visitors.

Bro Andrew is a WhatsApp man amongst many attributes. He is saving up to lead his sheep over London Bridge, this member of the Technologists Livery in London.

Opposite me was also the Lodge Chaplain, W.Bro. John Fleetwood, a church reader for many a year with valuable insights on how to deal with religious modernisation and people referring to songs rather than hymns.

Everywhere I looked, I could see Men of worth, Brethren of outstanding capability and most importantly Mark Men of a happy disposition.

The members of the Allied Masonic Degrees even remembered to bring along their AMD napkins.

This lodge is worthy of a visit.

Article by Michael Fenech





The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly



The Annual Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly was held on the 21st of January 2023 at Botley Masonic Centre in Hampshire. This followed the installation meeting of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lodge of Installed Commanders Installation meeting where the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Deacon, installed W.Bro. Mark Denton as Worshipful Commander.



While this was taking place the guests of the Province were enjoying tea and coffee in the dining room. Among the guests was the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Prizeman, seen here with our Provincial Grand Master, and R.W.Bro. Roger Richardson, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. The Pro Grand Master was making an unofficial visit to his home Province. The Surrey delegation were made very welcome by R.W.Bro. George and his team.

After the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lodge of Installed Commanders Lodge was closed, the Provincial Grand Master retired in procession and greeted the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Prizeman, the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, R.W.Bro. Jonathan Charles Whittaker, and the M.E. Grand Superintendent, E.Comp. Stephen Allum.



The Provincial Grand Master then assembled with his team and the Director Of Ceremonies formed the processions into the Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly.



The meeting was called to order to receive the Provincial Officers of the year accompanying the Provincial Grand Master, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.

Annual Assembly was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master.

The Pro Grand Master, accompanied by R.W.Bro. Jonathan Whittaker, and R.W.Bro. Malcolm Slater, entered and was welcomed by the Provincial Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Master welcomed the honoured guests from other Provinces as well as other Orders within Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

He then had much pleasure in investing nineteen Brethren with Royal Ark Mariner Provincial Grand Rank, congratulating each recipient personally.

The Annual Assembly was called off and R.W.Bro. Jonathan Whittaker rose to say he had a surprise for someone in the meeting. R.W.Bro. Malcolm Slater has achieved 60 years in Freemasonry and R.W.Bro. Jonathan thought it would be nice to present him with his Certificate at the Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly, in a full Temple.





The Provincial Grand Master called on the Annual Assembly and addressed the Brethren. He thanked the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lodge of Installed Commanders for hosting the Annual Assembly saying this is the 20th year the meeting has been held under their banner.

He congratulated the four brethren who received Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in December, as well as those he had appointed to Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank today. The Provincial Grand Master said that they had three years to go for their Festival and thanked everyone for their magnificent support. He then had much pleasure in presenting several MBF collarettes. There were three Diamond Geezers, one Grand Patron Gold and one Grand Patron.

The Pro Grand Master then retired from Annual Assembly and, after some administrative matters, the meeting was 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. The Provincial Grand Master returned to the Temple for some photographs...

He thanked R.W.Bro. George for allowing him to do this. At that point R.W.Bro. Malcolm received a standing ovation from everyone present.

R.W.Bro Jonathan invited the Pro Grand Master to join him for a photo with R.W.Bro. Malcolm.



After refreshments we went into the dining room for a most enjoyable lunch. A raffle was held with the proceeds going towards the 2026 Hampshire and Isle of Wight MBF Festival. Would you believe the first prize went to R.W.Bro. Malcolm Slater.

The Provincial Grand Master proposed the toast to the M.W.Pro Grand Master thanking him for coming along and making this a very special meeting for the Brethren of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.



To end a most enjoyable morning the Worshipful Commander of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Lodge of Installed Commanders, W.Bro. Mark Denton, presented the Provincial Grand Master with a cheque for £300 towards 2026 Hampshire and Isle of Wight MBF Festival.



Our Provincial Grand Master visits Lingfield Lodge



Our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, visited Lingfield Lodge No 1419 on Friday the 13th of January at the Nutfield Masonic Centre. He was accompanied by his Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Paul Wicking, P.G.Stwd., and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The afternoon began with a Royal Ark Mariner meeting. The Lodge was opened by W.Bro. Wally Maynard who welcomed everyone, especially the Provincial Grand Master, wishing everyone a most enjoyable meeting.

A joining member, Bro. Liam Barnard of Manor of Bensham Lodge, was balloted for. This proved in his favour. Pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last meeting the Lodge approved a donation of £150 to Lingfield Parish Church in memory of W.Bro. The Revd. David Allonby, who had been a member of the Lodge for 40 years. The Lodge was closed and after a group photograph was taken.



the Temple was set up for the Mark meeting that followed. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Beer. The Provincial Grand Master was admitted accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year and was offered the gavel. The Provincial Grand Master introduced the team thanking them for their support. He spoke about the various ways the money we have donated to the MBF Festival is spent, both nationally and locally.



He then had much pleasure in presenting the Worshipful Master with a Grand Patron Gold collaret on behalf of the Lodge, thanking the Lodge for their tremendous support for the Surrey 2022 MBF Festival. He then took the minutes and vacated the Chair.

A joining member, Bro. Liam Barnard of Manor of Bensham Lodge, was again balloted for. This also proved in his favour.

W.Bro. John Beer was proclaimed Worshipful Master for a further year after which he appointed and invested those Officers present. The Address to the Wardens was given by W.Bro. Tim Ford, to the Overseers by W.Bro. Alan Underhill. And to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark.

The main item of the afternoon was to receive a talk from V.W/Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M., entitled The History and Meaning of the Apron. This enlightening talk was about the

development of the apron from the early Egyptian times, through the Middle Ages, to the aprons we wear today. V.W.Bro. Chris brought along aprons old and new from many Orders in England and overseas, along with several sashes. This was well received by those present, and V.W.Bro. Chris received vote of thanks from the Worshipful Master, his old friend Wally.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last meeting the Lodge approved a donation of £150 to Cancer Research UK in memory of W.Bro. David Allonby.



The Lodge was then closed and after more photographs we retired to the bar for refreshments.



The Brethren of Lingfield Lodge and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal together. As is the custom at Mark festive boards the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins to promote the Order.





Table Fellowship Lodge welcomes the Deputy Provincial Grand Master



On the 2nd of February Table Fellowship Lodge No 1841 welcomed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and several Provincial Officers of the year. He was accompanied by his Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Nigel Graham, and several Provincial Officers of the year.

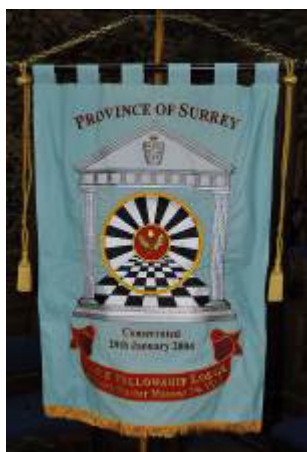
The afternoon began with a Royal Ark Mariner meeting.



The Lodge was opened by W.Bro. Eugene Regan who welcomed everyone, especially the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, wishing everyone a most enjoyable meeting.

After a short business meeting the Lodge was closed and a group photograph taken the Temple was set up for the Mark meeting that followed.

During the break our Deputy Provincial Grand Master wasted no time getting W.Bro. Brian Howlett, a Sussex Mark Mason to sign a MEM Form to join a Surrey Mark Lodge.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Dominic Aslan. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was admitted accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year and was offered the gavel.

The Provincial Grand Master introduced the team thanking them for their support. He spoke about the Mark Benevolent Fund and thanked the members of the Lodge for their support for the 2022 Surrey Mark MBF Festival.

The next item was to parade the Lodge Banner. The history of the Banner was given by the Acting Junior Warden, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley.

The main item on the agenda was to Install Bro. Justin Sanders as Worshipful Master. This was done in a most sincere manner by W.Bro. Dominic assisted by V.W.Bro. John Billett who presented the Working Tools as well as the Addresses to the Master and Wardens.



The Address to the Overseers was given by W.Bro. John Bryant and to the Brethren by V.W.Bro. John French.



The Lodge was closed and after photographs we retired for refreshment in the bar. The Brethren of Table Fellowship Lodge then sat down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

V.W.Bro. Chris Eley then presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Bob Oddy which he did in his own unique way. Chris was especially pleased to be able to do this as he has known Bob for many years as School Governors together, as well as attending his Initiation in the Craft and Exalting him in the Royal Arch.



Have New Van – Can Travel



Thanks to a grant of £42,000 from the MBF to the Dorking based charity “Mid Surrey Community Fridges” the Charity has been able to purchase a new refrigerated delivery van to distribute food to those most in need.





A Visit to Weyside Lodge



Small but well formed but not for much longer!! New men arriving! And there we were, being driven by the WM of Weyside Lodge No 442 to Guildford. I am in exalted company with my fellow travellers all Grand Rank Officers. Jim Moyes had even travelled up from the Eastleigh area to support this lodge founded in 1892. We were met with the usual Mark friendliness and got down to business.



A heavy schedule in some respects. As is often the case, Royal Ark Mariners were the first on our evening's agenda. Men studied their roles and all the posts were filled. W. Bro. David Warren was one side of me and W. Bro. Jim Moyes on the other. Good company and a good representation of St Andrews 806, especially if you bear in mind that the Worshipful Master of Weyside Lodge Mark was in the Chair, as well as being our treasurer!

It was great to see W. Bro. Tony Callister in attendance as the Official Visitor. He was on his first visit and is a great ambassador for Surrey Mark. Gentle banter, always smiling and a good man to heart.

This was a fairly swift meeting even though there was a new Worshipful Commander to be installed. W. C. Alick Stevenson had been in the chair in 2005 so that part of our meeting was soon in his hands for the duration. After a couple of good Burns Night celebrations recently, I am getting

used to the accent of the men from the far north!! I also had further practice when he and I sat near each other at the Festive Board. The Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro. Rawlinson, was in good command and helped run the meeting with calm efficiency. He and others then laid out the temple for the Mark Meeting. This was full of promise. I must admit to some concern as we were quite few in number and wondered how the various officers were to be fulfilled. No problem there then. W. Bro. Fenech was soon persuaded by the Official visitor to be Junior Warden. Now will I be given the opportunity to wield the axe? Yes. We had a candidate for Advancement, Bro. Colin Mander.



As seems to be the case with several Surrey Mark Lodges, new men are waiting in the wings. We have two standing by in St Andrews. This bodes well for the future of our happy order. Thoroughly enjoyable, well instructed and carried out with due decorum and yet light-heartedness.

The axe remained unbloodied. The Director of Ceremonies was to be Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, W. Bro. John Massey as Treasurer and Bro. Mike Fisher as Tyler. The Junior Warden will be much better than the stand in on the night, although I have to say I enjoyed my small part in the ceremony of Advancement.

Thank you, Tony.

The Festive board was announced after drinks at the bar. Soup, lovely salmon and chocolate and ice cream for dessert were followed by the toasts customary at such an evening.

Our table had an interesting range of topics from Hampshire Masonry to the Falkland's and beyond. What a pleasant way to spend a Friday evening. Congratulations to Bro Colin Mander, a fellow teacher.

Thank you, members of Weyside Lodge No 442. I hope we meet again soon.

Article by Michael Fenech



Our Provincial Grand Master goes to Spain



On Thursday the 2nd of February a small but perfectly formed band of members of Kintore and Bond of Friendship Mark Lodges assembled at the Gatwick Airport Wetherspoons to accompany our Provincial Grand Master and Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Bill Barr, to the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Spain in Benidorm.



Friday evening saw the merry band meet in a local restaurant with some of the Spanish brethren where a great time was had by all, which continued to the early morning in the Bar of the Hotel.



Saturday saw the Annual Meeting take place for the first time in 3 years in the impressive conference area of the Hotel.

The meeting was opened by the District Grand Master, R.W.Bro Barry Mansell, who welcomed the Right Worshipful Brethren present, and R.W.Bro Ian responded on behalf of them all. There was also a special greeting to M.W.Bro. Dominique Paquet the Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of France.

In his address to the brethren R.W.Bro. Mansell thanked all of those brethren who had attended from far and wide in Spain and beyond. At the conclusion of the meeting there followed a festive board which started at 13:30 finishing at 17:30 with so many appetisers there was scant room for the main course. Accompanying this feast was plenty of free-flowing wine, which meant that the brethren definitely left replete.

The following day the Provincial Grand Master and Assistant Provincial Grand Master flew home leaving the rest of the brethren to enjoy the delights that Benidorm has to

offer. Kintore Lodge members were Alan Zimon, Les Smith, Terry Carpenter, Alan Whiddett, Ian Keen, and Richard Pelc. Bond of Friendship Lodge was represented by Norman Jones and Barry Thomas. We know that three members from Spain will be attending our Annual Meeting on the 18th of March, and hope they enjoy our meeting as much as we all did theirs.

Article by Terry Carpenter

With a little help from their Surrey friends



On Friday the 10th of February a small team of Mark Masons from Surrey ventured into London to assist our Provincial Grand Master and our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master with a couple of ceremonies at their London Lodge. Commemoration Lodge No 1091 meets in a unique venue, Mumbai Square, an Indian Restaurant in E.1.

The afternoon started with a Royal Ark Mariner meeting. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Phil Young, who welcomed everyone, especially the guests who had come along to assist the Lodge.



The main item on the agenda was to Elevate Bro. Rick Beets, a member of Commemoration Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony was conducted in a fine manner by the Worshipful Commander and his Officers. The signs were explained by W.Bro. Mik Barnes, W.Bro. Terry Carpenter was the Junior Deacon, and W.Bro. Chris Eley was the Guardian.

The Lodge was then closed, and the customary photograph taken. The Temple was re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Phil Young, and R.W.Bro. Ian Clark was invited to present Grand Lodge Certificates to Bros. Adam Strange and Rick Beets, which he did in a very informative way.

The Worshipful Master invited R.W.Bro. Ian Clark to take the Chair and install V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes as Worshipful Master. V.W.Bro. Mik was presented to the installing Master by the acting Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley. He recited his Obligation, was invested, and installed in the Chair of Commemoration Mark Lodge by R.W.Bro. Ian.



The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, to the Wardens and Brethren by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, and to the Overseers by W.Bro. Terry Carpenter. V.W.Bro. Mik thanked the Surrey delegation for their assistance on his special day, 33 years since he first went into the Chair of a Mark Lodge.

W.Bro. Phil Young was the Worshipful Master; R.W.Bro. Ian Clark was the Installing Master; W.Bro. Harry Smith was the Junior Warden; V.W.Bro. Chris Eley acted as Chaplain and Director of Ceremonies; W.Bro. Terry Carpenter acted as Senior Deacon; W.Bro. Robert Short acted as Junior Deacon; and W.Bro. Paul Wicking acted as Inner Guard.



The Lodge was closed, and we all gathered together for the group photograph.



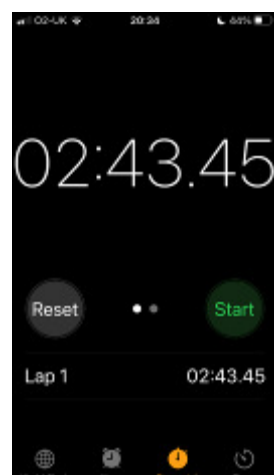
The Toast to the Visiting Brethren was given by W.Bro. Harry Smith.

We then made our way to the bar for a few Cobra beers before going up to the dining room for a curry meal together.



The last time Harry gave a toast he was told by the Worshipful Master to keep it to 4 to 5 minutes. Harry misheard him and spoke for 45 minutes.....

Under much pressure this time, Harry managed to keep it to 2 minutes and 43.45 seconds – is this a new record?



A Fun Night at the Palace!



Crystal Palace Mark enjoyed a busy and fun evening at Nutfield on the 8th of February. The day began with the Royal Ark Mariner meeting, but the poor Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Nigel Feltham, had no one to escort as W.Bro. John French, the Deputy Provincial Master had gone to Croydon.... Luckily, John sped to the meeting and was able to present Bro. Jason Wren with his RAM certificate in a friendly and informative manner.



At the Mark meeting, the Master, W.Bro. Ivan Larkin advanced Bro. Graham Pritchard in an entertaining ceremony, helped by W.Bro. Bill Caughie and W.Bro. Mike Neville, who despite looking miserable in the photos was very happy).

The Official Visitor, W.Bro. Mick Clay, provided valuable assistance by acting as a Deacon and explaining the Working Tools, and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley acted as the Master Overseer.



BUT the work of two new Mark Men, Bro Paul Blakemore who acted as Senior Deacon, and Bro Jason Wren who acted as Inner Guard attracted the most praise.



In a busy evening, Ivan was Proclaimed as Master (again!) and invested his officers. Administrative matters were dealt with by the Secretary in record speed...



The lodge also found time to sponsor the Swimathon with a donation of £250). A Festive Board, with a great atmosphere and food, was held afterwards. Two more candidates have been found - so it is onwards and upwards at the Palace!

Article by Mike Neville

One Last Swimathon!

Join our Provincial Grand Master one last time! Guildford Spectrum Pool, GU1 1UP Sunday 12th of March 2023



Meet at 10.30am for swim at 11am. R.W.Bro. Ian Clark will present medals to all children taking part.

To raise funds for the marvellous Sutton Food Bank, run by Nigel Feltham, & Swishes, a Charity run by the wife of W.Bro Garry Lewis to promote and distribute free emergency toiletry packs via NHS hospitals and clinics to patients and their carers.

If supporting those two great causes was not enough incentive.....



The RW Provincial Grand Master has offered to match fund any donation made!



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey

ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

Croydon Masonic Hall, 73 Oakfield Road, Croydon, Surrey CR0 2UX
Saturday 18th March 2023 at 11:00am (seated by 10:45am)

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION

Click here to make an ONLINE Booking Reservation and Payment:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/surreymark/799780>

Dining Fee £39.00

(each, inclusive of wine/soft drink)

(Please submit a Temple Reservation Booking even if you are not Dining)

MENU

Smoked Chicken Caesar Salad

Roast Leg of Lamb with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Apple & Toffee Crumble with Custard or Ice Cream

Tea or Coffee

Wines: Camino Acero Malbec and Fallows View South Africa

DINNER will be served at approximately 1:00pm

Bars are available after the close of Provincial Grand Lodge for Brethren of the Province, their personal guests and for the Present and Past Provincial Executive, Right Worshipful Brethren and the Guests of the Province.

The Closing Date for Dinner Applications is

Friday, 10th March 2023 – so please book early to avoid disappointment

***Cancellations to be made by email to: ProvGSec@markmastermasons.org.uk
Refunds only for written cancellations received before 3rd March 2023***



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Special needs and car sharing will be prioritised

Allocated Car Park Tickets will only be issued after the 10th March

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