

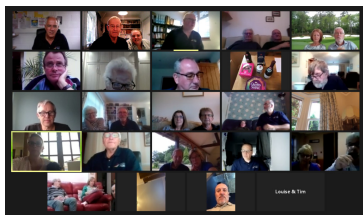


## A Message from our Provincial Grand Master

Brethren, I know that many of you have really missed your Mark Masonry. I have been inspired by the huge effort so many of you have put into looking after and helping each other, and working hard to assist in the wider community.

We have now received the news that our Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges can meet again. I am delighted that we will soon be able to spend time together and enjoy our Freemasonry, and each others company, once more. Indeed the only meeting before September will be the Installation of V.W.Bro. Chris Eley as Master of Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons on the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Of course for some it is too early, and with just the one Mark Lodge meeting before September it will give us all time as individuals to consider our position relevant to the circumstances prevailing at that time. Nobody should feel any unwanted pressure, whenever we return it must be because we want to enjoy the experience.



It was good to see members and their families joining the Zoom Quiz which was well organised for our enjoyment by W.Bro. Mike Neville. Congratulations to Richard and Jackie

Wileman who were the worthy winners. The magnificent sum of £1,100 was raised for the Mark Benevolent Fund. My thanks to everyone that joined in the fun, and to the contributors. This was just another way of keeping in touch, something which I hope you will agree we have done well so far.

I re-iterate what I have said previously, that our Provincial Grand Almoner, W.Bro. John Coleman, continues to be there to assist Lodge Almoners and our Brethren.

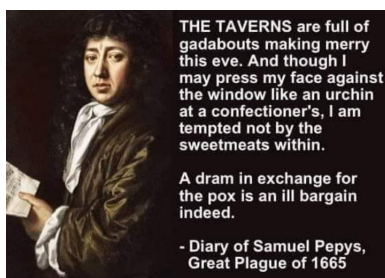
By the time you read this W. Bro. Simon McCarthy will have cycled over 700 miles of his target of 2020 miles for the MBF Festival. He has already cycled a distance greater than that from Lands End to John O’Groats, and he has another 1300 miles to go. He deserves our encouragement and support, not to mention our sponsorship. Let’s get behind him Brethren.

My congratulations to W. Bro. Tim Ford the winner of our Photo Competition and my thanks to everyone who took part.

During the summer months and beyond get out those cameras, be they Box Brownies or the latest top of the range SLRs. I am looking for iconic photographs of Surrey for 2022 when we welcome members from Provinces in England and Wales to join us to celebrate the finale of the 2022 MBF Festival.

I hope that the weather is kind so everyone can enjoy the summer break. Keep safe and well.

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## Photo Competition Winner

Thanks to all those who have submitted photos for our Social Distancing photo competition.

Bob Tuthill and our Editor have looked through the entries and are pleased to announce that the winner of a year’s entry in the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival



Bonus Ball Game is Tim Ford of Richmond Mark Lodge with his photo of lions socially distancing in Botswana.

To see a slide show of all the photos go to <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/news.html>

## VJ Day

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory over Japan Day.

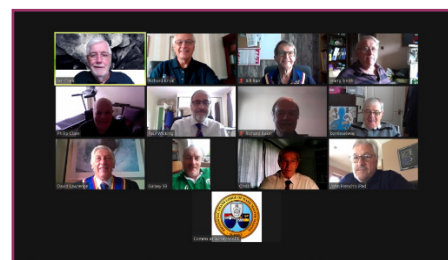
The August issue of the **surrey keystone** will be published on VJ day. This will be a 4 page edition to commemorate those who gave so much all those years ago.

Our Provincial Grand Master will be making a special donation to the Burma Star Memorial Fund in recognition of all they are doing to support the Burma Star veterans and their dependants,



## Mark Grand Lodge Investiture Get Together

Due to the suspension of Masonic activity, the June 2020 meeting of Grand Mark Lodge could not take place. However, there was a flurry of activity to ensure we all felt part of the worldwide Mark family. Phone calls, emails, and an Address from the Grand Master, which was a call to action to look to the future.



In Surrey our Provincial Grand Master and his Executive met online with those who received appointments in Grand Rank that day to

congratulate them personally and to say how sorry he was that we could not all be together at Freemasons Hall to celebrate the appointments.

It was nice to be able to get together and helped to make this a special day for all those Brethren.

## Bonus Ball Update

### Congratulations to the June Bonus Ball winners:

Warlingham Mark Lodge, Steve Harvey of Warlingham Lodge, Michael Barnes of Rose Lodge, James Hill of Richmond Lodge, Richard Knox of Welcome Lodge, Chris Eley of Richmond Lodge, Paul Roots of Percy Lodge, and Chris DaSilva Skinner of Lingfield Lodge

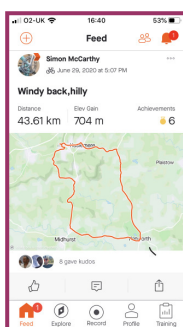
**Is your Name on a Number yet?** Take a pot shot with your Name on a Number. Can you hit the spot with your name or not? Why not join in the fun? Just £10 for ten chances to win £30. **You've got to be IN IT to WIN IT!**

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>



## Simon McCarthy's 2022 Mile Bike Ride



### W.Bro. Simon McCarthy is out on the roads of Surrey and Hampshire in support of the Surrey Mark 2022 Festival,

Over the next few months, we will be following Simon's bike ride via his app. We will be reporting his progress in the **surrey keystone** and on the Provincial web site.

Some might say he just going out on his bike. Yes he is, but what you may not know is that Simon's heart only works at 65% capacity due to a heart attack two years ago, and he has lost part of a lung due to cancer.

Simon would welcome any donation, no matter how small, from individuals and Lodges.

Its easy to donate via Simon's **JustGiving** page by following this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/simonmccarthyrideforlife>

## A new date for the Cha Di Da

Our annual **Charity Dinner Dance** will now be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021** at the **Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, Surrey.**

See: <http://www.markmastermasons.org.uk/festival-events-0001.html>

There will be background music on arrival by Tim Bolwell, plus singing from Paul Hobbs, a Rod Stewart tribute singer; and dancing to Jason Nembhard, formerly of the Drifters. Tickets for the event are £57 per person and include a three course meal.

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## The Latest Fashion Accessory

Wearing his new 2022 Festival Polo Shirt our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr, is modelling a face mask made by his wife, Barbara.



The masks are for sale at £10 for two, including postage, and for every pair of masks sold Barbara is donating £1 to the 2022 Festival, which Bill will match fund. That means £2 from every £10 order is going towards our 2022 Festival.

The masks are made of 100% close-weave cotton, have nose bands for a snugger fit, and are washable. They are made with all new parts and in accordance with the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. They come in red check; white with grey stars; floral and black.

To order a pair of masks get in touch with Bill on [billybarr51@gmail.com](mailto:billybarr51@gmail.com) or 07884 438498. PayPal, iZettle (for cards) or bank transfer preferred.

## Ladies Night

"I'm going to be a Mason," said Sir, one day just after tea.

"It will only mean one evening out, once a month," said he.

One evening quickly led to two, followed by three or four. And pretty soon I asked his name when he walked in the door.

He bought a jar of peppermints and he put them in a tin "I have to hand these round" he said, "or they won't let me in." So now when friends come calling, and ask "Oh, Where is he then?" I say "You won't see him tonight, cos he's with the Peppermint Men."

He dines out fairly often, superb meals - mostly roast. While I just watch the goggle-box and eat my beans on toast. A clean white shirt is needed, his gloves as white as snow, His suit well brushed, his case in hand - I wish he'd hurry up and go!

He's started talking to himself, I heard him in the den. I think he's going crackers and I blame the peppermint men! "I'm going in the CHAIR," he said, "a position of renown." That's nice I thought, with his poor knees he's better sitting down! "I'll be the Master of my Lodge, you ought to be impressed." "I am dear; take the rubbish out as soon as you are dressed" "You'll have to make a speech you know, when it's your Ladies Night" I look at him in horror as fear replaced delight.

I scribbled through a pad or two, as I tried hard to think. I threw away six ball point pens when they ran out of ink. But now the evening has arrived, no words can really tell. That it's the best night of my life -I hope it's yours as well.