



## Surrey Mark Provincial Officer's Mess Open Evening

16th September 2023 - 6:30pm for 7:30pm

Surbiton Masonic Centre, Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton, KT6 4BN

Welcome to  
The Surrey Mark  
Provincial Grand  
Officers Mess

**“OPEN  
EVENING”**

**SATURDAY  
16th  
SEPT.  
2023**

**6.30pm for 7.30pm**  
**DINING FEE £33.50**

- FRIENDS & FAMILY •
- NON MASONS •
- **ALL WELCOME** •
- GRAND RAFFLE •

DRESS CODE: JACKET and TIE

**MENU:**  
Glenmore Mini Tapas  
•  
Chicken Kiev with a  
Paprika Cream Sauce,  
Vichy Carrots, Fine French Beans  
New Potatoes.  
•  
Pink Grapefruit Panna  
Cotta with Gingerbread Crumb.  
•  
Tea/Coffee  
Vegetarian Option Available  
(Chefs Choice)

**SURBITON MASONIC CENTRE**  
Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton

This is a White Table Dinner and is an ideal opportunity to invite family and friends, including non-Masonic friends, to make up a table with you and enjoy a great night out with good company, good food and a grand raffle.

The venue in Surbiton is easily accessible from most directions and there is parking available in the venue car park. Surbiton Train Station is relatively close.

A raffle will be in aid of Masonic Charities. **Members are encouraged to donate prizes.**

Your attendance and support will be greatly appreciated by our Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John V French.

**Please R.S.V.P by Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**  
**There is a venue restriction of 70 people so book early and let's make this a full house!**

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# Cranleigh & Northern Heights Mark/RAM

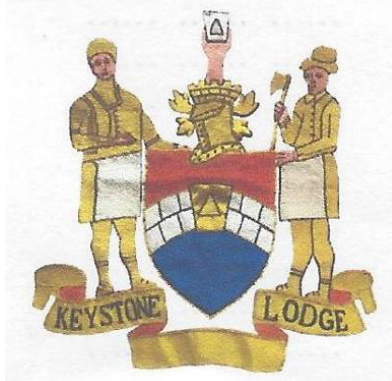
Can you ever have too much of a good thing? In May at Cranleigh Masonic Hall, the assembled brethren were treated to a triple-header!

First up, Northern Heights Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners... soon to be re-moored to Cranleigh Centenary Lodge.



A Lodge in resurgence following its relocation, with three candidates balloted, and Bro. Colin Elevated in an excellent manner.

Second, Northern Heights Lodge of Mark Master Masons, meeting in their temporary home-in-exile.



It is always sad to see a Lodge's demise, but the remaining members conducted a dignified business meeting ahead of the return of the warrant in September.



Then finally, Cranleigh Centenary Lodge of MMM held a business meeting, including the election of the Master-elect. The Lodge's Tyler, having been appointed to important office since the Installation was permitted to take a seat in the East.

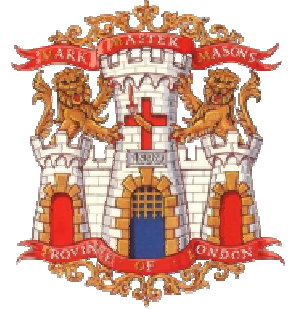


This proved useful as the Provincial Grand Master was therefore able to present W.Bro. Colin with his MBF Vice-Patron's collar.

The labours of the evening having ended, the brethren adjourned to the nearby White Hart Hotel for an excellent festive board... I gather many local Masons frequent this hostelry even when not on masonic business!

Article and photos by Andrew Banks

# A day out in London



The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of London took place on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street.

The Surrey delegation met up in the local Wetherspoons pub in Holborn where we found our Provincial Grand Master drinking coffee...yes, coffee....

It was good to see that everyone had brought along their AMD napkins to show our Support for the Allied Masonic Degrees.



It was also good to have Jim Turner with us again after the sad loss of Mary.



While we were busy at rest and refreshment, others were at labour getting everything ready for the meeting.

R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London and a member of Rose Mark Lodge was busy twisting people's arms to subscribe to next year's Festival and wear the Cheshire Mark Festival Jewel.





V.W. Bro. Mik Barnes, our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, welcomed Bro. Robert Short to his first London Mark meeting. We know Robert through other Orders in Surrey.

In the meantime, Alan and I were looking to see where we were dining amongst the several hundred diners.



Also present at the meeting was M.W. Bro. Ray Smith, Past Pro Grand Master, and Past Provincial Grand Master of London.



Ray warmly greeted W. Bro. Jim and said how glad he was that he could attend the meeting.



There were honoured guests from many Provinces, and other Masonic Orders in London.





Several hundred brethren took their seats ahead of the processions, along with a goodly number of Right Worshipful brethren.



The next procession was the Past Provincial Grand Masters of the Province accompanied by the banners of the Time Immemorial Lodges in the Province.



The Provincial Grand Master's procession into Grand Temple was accompanied by the stirring swirl of the London Celtic Pipes and Drums.





And once he was seated, it was the turn of the Worshipful Masters, Worshipful Commanders, and a very long procession of newly Advanced brethren.



After which we then welcomed the arrival of the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson.



The business of Provincial Grand Lodge was carried out with efficiency and good humour, which included seeing W. Bro. Marios Stylianides invested as London's newest Assistant Provincial Grand Master.



The appointment and investiture of the Provincial Grand Officers of the year saw the Provincial Grand Secretary - W.Bro. Robert Anderson, **P.G.Stwd**, retire after 4 years of exemplary service and W.Bro. Gurdeep Virdee succeed him Robert was invested as Provincial Grand Senior Warden.

The Assistant Grand Master then gave his Address during which he talked about the strong relationship with the Craft and the Grand Master's Keystone Fund. He also mentioned how much he had enjoyed the music and the processions – in particular the newly-Advanced brethren's procession which represented the 130 or so brethren who had joined the Province this year.

The Provincial Grand Master Addressed Provincial Grand Lodge, following which Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Brethren, and Honoured Guests left Provincial Grand Lodge to the sound of the pipe band.



After the meeting, as is the usual custom, the Surrey delegation gathered beneath the War Memorial window for a group photograph.



Then followed refreshments in the bar before we were called in to the banquet in the Connaught Rooms where over 400 brethren sat down to dine.



Over dinner, the Provincial Grand Master sang one of his famous songs, this time based on a Gilbert & Sullivan tune.

All-in-all it was an excellent day, and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and to make new ones.

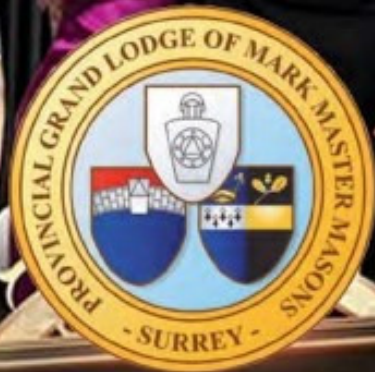
*Article by Chris Eley and Richard Criddle and photos by Chris Eley*

# Surrey Mark Cha Di Da 2023

Double Room  
**£120**

B & B (optional)

**£60**  
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# DINNER

Arrival  
6.30pm  
for 7pm

Carriages  
Midnight

## Dance Party

**SATURDAY 28th OCTOBER**  
**Reigate Manor Hotel - Reigate Hill**

Dancing : Jason Allen (Michael Buble) & Jahson Nembhard (formerly of the Drifters)

**3 Course Meal • Charity Raffle • Party Surprises**

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See website for details - booking form - menu choices