



## Surrey Enthroned Commanders and Installed Mark Masters Lodge Meetings



The meetings of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge No 1219 and the Surrey Installed Masters Lodge No 1219 took place at Surbiton on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

The afternoon started with coffee and biscuits in the bar where we had a chance to catch up with old friends, and guests from other Provinces. Here we have the delegation from Essex.



First was the meeting of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Frank Lee, **R.A.M.G.R.**, who welcomed the present and past members of the Executive and our honoured guests.



W.Bro. Paul Haycock was elected Worshipful Commander and W.Bro. Jim Cranefield was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.



The Worshipful Commander then gave a most informative talk on Prostate Cancer and the need to be regularly tested. He described his own experience, as an example for all of us to take a PSA test.



It was good to see twelve Past Masters of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in attendance.



The Lodge was then closed, and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Paul Haycock, P.A.G.Swd.B., who welcomed the many guests and visitors, which included the two Past Provincial Grand Master, members of the Provincial Executive Present and Past, and guests from other Provinces.



A ballot was taken for several Joining Members of the Lodge, which proved in their favour. They were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.



The Lodge Banner was then paraded, and the acting Junior Warden, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, explained the history of the Banner.



W. Bro. Tim Ford, P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, was then installed in the Chair of the Lodge by W. Bro. Paul Haycock in a very sincere manner. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed.

After the customary photographs we retired to the bar for refreshment before sitting down to a most enjoyable meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

As in the Enthroned Commanders Lodge, it was good to see thirteen Past Masters of the Mark Lodge in attendance.



*All Installed Masters are encouraged to join the Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge No 1219; likewise all Installed Commanders are encouraged to join the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge No 1219. Both Lodges meet on the same day at the Surbiton Masonic Centre.*

*Joining these Lodges will not only afford you an enjoyable means of increasing your Masonic knowledge but also give you the opportunity of meeting other installed Masters and Commanders from all parts of the Province. You will hear many eminent speakers giving addresses and answering questions on matters of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner interest and, from time to time, you will witness demonstrations and presentations of particular workings of these and related ceremonies.*

*The Lodges meet twice a year, on the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 4th Thursday in September.*



# Surrey Mark Provincial Officers Mess Open Evening



The Surrey Mark Provincial Officers Mess Open Evening was held on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September at the Surbiton Masonic Centre, The Crescent, Surbiton.

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


**"OPEN EVENING"**  
 Welcome to The Surrey Mark Provincial Grand Officers Mess  
**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  
**SURBITON MASONIC CENTRE**  
 Glenmore House, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton

**MENU:**  
 Glenmore Mini Tapas  
 Chicken Kiev with a Paprika Cream Sauce,  
 Wicky Cornish Fish, French Beans  
 New Potatoes.  
 Pink Grapefruit Panna  
 Cotta with Gingerbread Crumb.  
 Tea/Coffee  
 Vegetarian Option Available  
 (Chef's Choice)



*Thanks to W.Bro. Tony Connor, the Mess Secretary, and his team for putting together a most enjoyable evening, and to W.Bro. Michael Fenech for the photos.*



# Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey

The Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey Installation Meeting was held at Croydon Masonic Hall on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September.

The day started off not so well. However, it did get better. Well sort of. Be patient and bear with me. My car was in a difficult mood, so I had to restart my journey and borrow my partner's mini. A moderately tedious journey was then undertaken to Croydon.



Several of us arrived in good time and the other brethren soon took the numbers attending to over the fifty mark. The lodge is an impressive setting but many of us found the sound system not to be functioning too well.

Our Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Bill Barr, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, led the meeting in his usual gentle but inviting manner, with greetings to

visitors, Provincial Executive and other worthies issued in a genuine manner.

Minutes were presented, accepted, and dealt with no matters arising. Joining members were extended the usual hospitality and the Lodge Banner was paraded with appropriate dignity. Always a solemn part of the proceedings.



W. Bro. Jeff Penfold was installed in the chair by the very capable R.W. Bro. Mik Barnes. Officers of the Lodge were appointed and thanked by our Worshipful Master. The usual addresses were well delivered, led by V.W. Bro Richard Knox, ably supported by appropriate brethren.

I then discovered that this mild mannered and quietly spoken gentleman was a Yorkshire man. His presentation on the establishment of The Mark Order in York was an interesting piece of knowledge that I found both illuminating and of interest to a fellow former resident of God's own County. The characters, places, and incidents in the gradual formation of Mark in that part of our country gave colour to a part of our history which was unknown to me. My regret was that the sound system did not do it justice.

The more difficult part of our meeting was when the Registrar of Marks asked to speak. He has Prostate Cancer and was due to undergo treatment required for this form of Cancer. He asked for the understanding of members should his appearance change while he was undergoing treatment. I was interested because, when as Master of my Hants, Craft Lodge, all funds raised at my Ladies Evening were donated to Prostate Cancer UK.

The message was loud and clear, please get yourself tested. Yes, it is worth repeating, get yourself tested asap. Some of us have, maybe some of us haven't. It is a brief visit to the doctor with a few minutes painless testing followed by peace of mind or at least a strategy designed to allay ill health.



It was good to see our Past Provincial Grand Master and eleven Past Masters of the Lodge at the meeting.



On Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September we were invited by Paul Haycock to a meeting of Ubique in the East Lodge at Mark Masons Hall.



With that topic still in our minds, W.Bro. Jeff closed the Lodge in due form, and we repaired to the bar, and then to a Festive Board of a good standard.

The WM presented the usual toasts. The raffle raised a substantial amount. Friends and acquaintances said their farewells and we all departed home with much food for thought.

*Article by Michael Fenech*

## Congratulations to W.Bro. Paul Haycock



W.Bro. Paul, a Past Master of Noel Mark Lodge and the Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge, was presented with a Certificate to celebrate 50 years in Masonry by W.Bro. Glen Macdonald, **PSGD**, Metropolitan Grand Inspector, in a very sincere and informative manner.

We then received a most interesting and informative talk by W.Bro. Graham Dear entitled 'The Queen's Bodyguard'.





# A visit to the Garden of England

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Kent took place on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 at the Clive Emson Suite, Kent Showground, Detling.

We received a very warm welcome on our arrival with tea/coffee and biscuits.



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



By 10.45 everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 10.50 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests,



.... including Right Worshipful Brethren.....



... and past members of the Provincial Executive, Right Worshipful Brothers Roland Wade and Archibald Torrance.

The meeting was called to order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to receive the Provincial Officers of the year accompanying an Assistant Provincial Grand Master; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Peter David Williams, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearers.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master...



The Provincial Grand Master was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. Those present remembered the Brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last annual meeting.

The Provincial Grand Master then individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders, thanking them for their support for Kent Mark.



His number one priority is membership and there are many initiatives in place to support this. The Kent Mark Benevolent Fund has match funded Lodge donations to the tune of £3,000, and more funds are available.



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 greeting their honoured guests as they left.

After refreshments, the Brethren of the Province of Kent and their guests dined together in peace and harmony, where the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable day out in the Garden of England.

After the regular business before Provincial Grand Lodge had been concluded the Provincial Grand Master had much pleasure in re-appointing W.Bro. Martyn Summers, **P.G.S.D.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and W.Bros. Trevor Sharpe, **P.A.G.D.C.**, and Stephen Hyland, **P.G.Stwd.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

The Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed, invested, and saluted, following which the Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. In his Address he said how heartening it was to see so many attending Provincial Grand Lodge and he congratulated all those he had appointed or promoted that day.



# Croydon Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners



Croydon Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 198 met at the Croydon Masonic Hall on Thursday the 21st of September. As this is Surrey's 'upside down' Lodge the Brethren dined first and then made their way up to the Temple for the meeting.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Bob Russell, who welcomed W.Bro. Chris Eley, R.A.M.G.R., P.A.Prov.G.M., to the meeting. Later in the meeting the Lodge voted to make W.Bro. Chris an Honorary Member in appreciation for the support he has given the Lodge over many years.

The main item on the agenda was for W.Bro. Chris Eley to give the Lecture on the Tracing Board of the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner. This very informative talk was well received and should be given in a RAM meeting where there was no work to do.



W.Bro. Chris was then invited to present a Royal Ark Mariner Certificate to Brother Emmanuel Ofuasia. This fitted in very well with the Lecture given a few minutes earlier. W.Bro. Chris was thanked for presenting the Certificate to Bro. Emmanuel in such an informative way.





# The Installation Meeting of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons

The Installation meeting of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 808 was held at Surbiton on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2023. The Lodge was pleased to receive W.Bro. Bill Caughie, P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, on his Official Visit.

The Lodge was opened, and the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Nick Butterworth, welcomed the members and guests present. V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M. was saluted with five under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. V.W.Bro. Chris responded to the salutation.



The Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Paulo Campos, on his first escort duty in the Mark, entered the Lodge and advised the Worshipful Master that the Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by several Provincial Officers of the year, was without and he demanded admission into the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master welcomed, W.Bro. Bill Caughie, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, to Richmond Lodge and, on behalf of the brethren, wished him a most enjoyable visit before offering him the gavel. The Worshipful Assistant Provincial Grand Master was saluted with five under the direction of the Escorting Officer. W.Bro. Bill responded to the salutation.

After the Assistant Provincial Grand Master had vacated the Chair, the Worshipful Master thanked the Officers of his year for their support before inviting W.Bro. Tim Ford, P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, to Install Bro. Roger Tutton.

W.Bro. Tim invited V.W.Bro. Ray Seeley to occupy the Senior Warden's Chair, W.Bro. John Rollason to occupy the Junior Warden's Chair, and W.Bro. Mike Ellis to continue to act as Inner Guard.

Bro. Roger Tutton was installed into the Chair of the Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Tim Ford. The Working Tools were presented by Bro. Andrew Banks and the Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley.

V.W.Bro. Chris Eley was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Jim Agnew, which he did in his special way.

The Almoner, W.Bro. John Fitzgerald, presented his report previously distributed: Information on the health of our Provincial Grand Master has been shared with the Brethren of the Province and all the members wished him well.

W.Bro. Bill Caughie said how much he had enjoyed the afternoon, and that he would say more at the festive board. Our new Official Visitor, W.Bro. John Rollison, was welcomed by the Lodge. W.Bro. John said how much he was looking forward to working with us.



The Lodge was closed, and the Brethren of Richmond Lodge and their guests retired for refreshments.



We then sat down to a most enjoyable festive board at the Surbiton Masonic Centre. As is the usual custom the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their green AMD napkins.



We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable afternoon.



# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting for our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master



On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2023 several of us attended the installation meeting as guests of Mik Barnes, a Past Master of the Lodge, to see RW Bro Sir David Wootton, Deputy Grand Master, installed as Worshipful Master in the Grand Temple by the Pro Grand Master, M W Bro Jonathan Spence, in the presence of 422 brethren.

125 years ago, on 20 June 1898, Jubilee Masters Lodge was consecrated at the Hotel Cecil (just off The Strand) by VW Bro Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary.

The event was attended by more than 200 brethren. Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee had taken place one year earlier, and to celebrate that great event, the Lodge chose its name.



It was agreed that the Lodge would mark the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by holding the meeting exactly 125 years after the consecration. Several Surrey Mark Masons were invited by Mik to join in the celebrations.

During the meeting there was a musical interlude when The Fini Quartet from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama played chamber music by Mozart.

It was a very memorable meeting with 411 brethren in the Grand Temple of whom some 265 dined afterwards at the Grand Connaught Rooms.



We were entertained during the drinks reception by the Fini Quartet, who were joined by Worshipful Master, RW Bro Sir David Wootton, Deputy Grand Master.

