



Provincial Grand Master's Address to Provincial Grand Lodge

Brethren it is now my pleasure to address Provincial Grand Lodge for the second time after one year as your Provincial Grand Master.

Whilst we have had some unexpected challenges this year with a clash of Annual Meetings, as well as motorway detours, I thank you all for your attendance and support.

I extend a warm welcome to all our guests; to our Honoured Guests, I thank you all for the hospitality extended to our Executive when visiting your Provinces and I hope that you will enjoy your time with us. It is my sincere hope, Brethren, that you will all enjoy the meeting and the after proceedings.

This last year has been a topsy turvy one for me personally and I thank my Executive for their support and for covering meetings that I was unable to attend. We have been working on a new web site for the Province and I am hopeful this will be completed very soon. If any of your lodges would like to add events or promote a charitable cause, or a special meeting which you may be holding, please contact W.Bro. Billy Barr. It is your web site brethren and as such your input is important.



On your behalf we have supported The Sutton Food Bank. W.Bro. Nigel Feltham works tirelessly for this charity, and we commend him for his efforts. Local Children's Hospitals will receive over 1000 easter eggs this year, which will put a smile on lots of faces!

Nigel is off to Holland in July to take part in the Nijmegen Marches to continue his fund raising projects which, as well as the Sutton Foodbank, will also include the Man-Van Prostate Cancer Project and many others.

Brethren I thank you again for your generous support (Past and Present) and would remind you that if any lodge would like to put forward a worthy cause whom you would like to give a donation, please let our Provincial Grand Charity Steward know so that we can get support from the MBF, subject to qualification. We all worked very hard to put some money into the pot Brethren so please consider a worthy cause and continue to enjoy the great success of our 2022 MBF Festival fund raising.

During the last year either I, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, or one of the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, have visited every Mark Lodge for either their Installation meeting or another meeting. Once again, I thank the Master and the Brethren of the Lodges for the warm welcome that we have received from you during the year.

To the active Provincial Officers who are standing down from office, I hope that you have enjoyed your time in Office, and I thank you for your support personally and for the province which is very much appreciated.

I would like to thank V.W.Bro. Chris Eley for his sterling work in producing the Surrey Keystone, including today's edition looking back over the last year, which has been so well read, received, and appreciated by us all.



A huge thank you to my past and present official representatives who visit Lodges throughout the Province so as to support your Lodges in whatever way is needed' and whose work is essential to the well running of the Province.

To the Provincial Officers that I have appointed and promoted today, I offer you all my sincere congratulations. To those who have received Active Office it is my hope that you will make good use of your year in office and see it as an opportunity. You have been invited to accompany me and the other members of the Provincial Executive on visits to Lodges in the Province - there is no compulsion or requirement to do so, albeit it is an opportunity to visit other Lodges, to provide support to them and increase the enjoyment for us all. Most importantly I hope that that you will enjoy the year ahead. I ask that each of you consider it part of your responsibility to promote our Order and, in particular to, encourage the younger Brethren.



Brethren, key priorities for all Provinces remain unchanged – Recruitment and Retention of our members, and the rejuvenation of Lodges. We have many Lodges rising to the challenge and some that will need our support in the short term whilst they get back on track.

On the Recruitment front W.Bro. Tim Ford and W.Bro. Bill Caughie have continued to work hard in coming up with ideas but those in need of support and assistance must help us to help you! You heard earlier the names read of 16 of our members who have passed to the Grand Lodge above in the last 12 months, added to resignations of those who move away etc, so we need to keep recruiting new members. This is something for us all to give our attention. Tell Brethren in your Craft Lodges and in your Royal Arch Chapters how much you enjoy your Mark Masonry, and make sure they know that they are missing out on knowledge and a great deal of enjoyment.

I encourage you all to support your Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters, at the same time remembering that they are also our Recruiting grounds. There is little doubt that a one-to-one discussion is often the most fruitful way of introducing new members to our wonderful Order it normally works!

Please carry the trifold leaflet and business cards in your inside pocket, and take the opportunity at your Craft and Royal Arch Festive Boards to tell those around you how much you enjoy the Mark degree and where there is some interest give them a leaflet. They are available in the displays in the main bar area downstairs and in the other centres.

I don't usually single out Lodges but I must congratulate one of our Lodges which is Percy No 114 who held a very relaxed but informative white table event and after a follow up with the attendees, they signed up 9 candidates carrying out a double-double advancement a few weeks ago and will be doing another double-double at their next meeting on the 1st of May. Please come along and witness this super ceremony, should your diary permit.

Please also remember that we have an excellent support team who do a superb job in helping Lodges, particularly with Advancement and Elevation ceremonies. I thank all the Support Team who give up their precious time to do that job.

I am particularly pleased to have had the opportunity to welcome some of the newly Advanced Brethren to our meeting today. You are the future of our Order, I thank you all for your attendance, wear your pin with pride, tell your friends and most importantly enjoy your Mark masonry.

At every Installation meeting, a challenge is extended to the Worshipful Master to find a candidate during his year in office, preferably for Advancement and I extend that challenge to you once again.



Brethren, the Provincial Travelling

Keystone was returned to me in Provincial Grand Lodge today by Stoneleigh Lodge, and you heard me say that its purpose is to encourage visiting and promote the exchange of goodwill and fellowship between Lodges in the Province. It is proving most successful and at the Festive Board it will be presented to the Lodge that has the most members attending and dining at this meeting today.

Such was the success of our Golf Days at Woldingham Golf Club, which raised over £3k at each of the 3 events, that it will be repeated on an annual basis. The first will be on the 19th of May. W.Bros. Mark Guzam and Nigel Graham have kindly agreed to organise these golf days and may even squeeze one in before next year! Golfers of all standards can enjoy this day, or if you are a non-golfer, please join us for dinner afterwards and watch all the bandits receive their trophies.

The Annual Charity Dinner Dance is on 19th October at Reigate Manor Hotel, organised by Alan Brockwell. It promises to be another special night, please support this wonderful weekend.





It's Kent's turn to host the Inter Provincial Cricket Match this year which has been booked for Sunday 21st July 2024 at the Warren at Hayes. A nice venue Brethren, and R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey will guarantee that the sun will shine....yes brethren, he controls the weather, and I'm told occasionally walks on water!

Congratulations to those appointed to or promoted in Grand Rank by the MW Grand Master at the Investiture meeting of Mark Grand Lodge in June and September last year. W.Bro. Tony Callister, G.Stwd., V.W.Bro. Richard Knox, P.G.J.O., V.W.Bro. Ray Seeley, P.G.J.O., W.Bro. Stephen Jones P.G.J.D., W.Bro. Paul Wicking P.G.J.D. and through other Provinces W.Bros. David Barden, G.S.D., and Paul Fitzgerald, P.G.S.D.



In December the MW Grand Master appointed three Brethren to Grand Rank in the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners. They were Worshipful Brothers, David Clark, Mick Clay, and Mark Guzam. All well-deserved appointments, congratulations to them all.

I am unable to give you any details today of those to be appointed and Invested to Grand Rank in 2024 because those Brethren have not yet been notified. However, I can tell you that the once again the June investiture meeting will be for the Active Officers of the year and First Appointments, and the September meeting of Grand Lodge will deal with the Promotions in Grand ranks. I look forward to those being appointed joining me for dinner and celebrations after the meeting in June.

Events such as an Annual Meeting don't just happen. To the Provincial Grand Secretary and his Deputy, I thank you for all the hard work you have put in throughout the year and to the preparation for today's meeting, and likewise to the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, his Deputies and Assistants, I am grateful for the excellent ceremonial.



W.Bro. Les, I congratulate on your appointment to Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies today, and at the same time thank W.Bro. Paul for his hard work and commitment for the past 5 years. W.Bro. John Woodville is also retiring this year handing over the reins to W.Bro. John Fitzgerald. Thank you, John Woodville, not only for carrying out your duties as Provincial Grand Registrar so efficiently but also for what you have done above and beyond your duties in the past. To John Fitzgerald, I wish you every success in your new office.

I also thank the members of the Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge for their tremendous support in the build up to today's meeting and throughout the year. I am most grateful to you all.

Last and by no means least I am indebted to my Executive and every member of the Executive Committee who continue to give outstanding service to the Province and support to me personally. I must also thank our Past Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark for his support during this year – thank you Ian.

Brethren, it is a great honour and privilege to continue to serve the Province. I thank you all for the kind attention that you have given to my address and may the Great Overseer of the Universe Bless and Keep you.





The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday 16th March at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon. Once again, our Provincial Grand Stewards did a splendid job of ensuring everyone was able to park in the Stanton Road car park.

From 9.30 am the Brethren of the Province and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties.







By 10.35 am everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 10.45 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.



The meeting was called to order by W.Bro. Les Smith, **P.G.Stwd.**, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Designate, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year accompanying the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The business of Provincial Grand Lodge commenced with honouring the names of those Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above since our last Annual Meeting.

The Provincial Grand Master individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, the Roll of Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge was called and the Roll of Lodges in the Province.

The Travelling Keystone was returned to the Provincial Grand Master by Worshipful Brother Des Franklin, the Secretary of Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 995. He was supported by many members of the Lodge.



Worshipful Brothers Nigel Feltham and Garry Lewis were both presented with a cheque for £1360 from the 2023 Swimathon, for the Sutton Food Bank and Swishes. Worshipful Brothers Nigel and Garry thanked the Provincial Grand Master on behalf of their charities for the Province's kind donations.

W.Bro. Alan Brockwell then presented the Provincial Grand Master with a cheque for £3,000 from the sale of regalia.

The Provincial Grand Master confirmed the re-appointment of W.Bro. William Raymond Barr, **P.G.J.D.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province. W.Bros. Tim Ford, **P.G.J.D.**, and William Agnew Caughie, **P.G.J.D.**, were re-appointed as Assistant Provincial Grand

Masters. A total of 59 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank were announced: as well as 14 Brethren receiving Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. The Brethren of the Province of Surrey below the rank of Provincial Grand Officer were called to order to salute the newly appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers with three.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. The meeting was then called to order and closed in due form.





The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, together with members of the Past Executive, Honoured Guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession to the echoing strains of Land of Hope and Glory by W.Bro. Bob Soper, Provincial Grand Organist.



The members of the Provincial Executive greeted all our Honoured Guests as they retired from Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Brethren of Richmond Mark Lodge turned out in force to support one of their members, W.Bro. Tim Ford, who was re-appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Master.



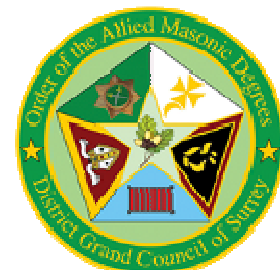
The Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey and their guests then retired to the bar.



After refreshments the Brethren of the Province of Surrey and their guests dined together in peace and harmony. Once again, we had two dining rooms due the support for our Annual Meeting.



Well done Alan – the only one spotted wearing his Allied Masonic Degrees napkin.



Members of the Allied Masonic Degrees in Surrey are encouraged to wear their green napkins at Mark festive Boards to promote the Order, especially as the District Grand Prefect of the AMD is also our Provincial Grand Master.....



It was R.W.Bro. Eddie Garty's birthday – Happy Birthday Eddie

The Provincial Grand Master presented the Travelling Keystone to the Secretary of the Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1569.



The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr, proposed the Toast to the Provincial Grand Master who thanked W.Bro. Bill and all the Brethren present and then proposed the Toast to the Visitors.



The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, and other distinguished Brethren then retired from the Festive Board



Mark Grand Lodge



On Tuesday the 12th of March, Mark Brethren from across the Constitution arrived at Freemasons' Hall for the March Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge. M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Pro Grand Master, was the Presiding Officer, accompanied by R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer, Deputy Grand Master, and R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson, Assistant Grand Master.





The meeting having been opened, and the Memoriam to Brethren called to higher service having been marked, the next item of business was for the Pro Grand Master to invest V.W.Bro. Dan Heath, **P.G.J.O.**, as Grand Secretary.

Following further items of business, it was then time to Elect the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Worshipful Brother Sebastian Daly, Prov.G.D.C. of Cheshire, rose to propose the re-election of Most Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas. This was seconded by the President of the General Board and greeted with acclamation, and the Proclamation by the Grand Director of Ceremonies followed. R.W.Bro. James Hilditch, Past Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, was then elected as Grand Treasurer.



And then we embarked on what has become the highlight of the March meeting, a review of the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund over the past twelve months. The President of the M.B.F., R.W.Bro. Archie Torrance, outlined the recent grants made by the M.B.F., which totalled £400,446.



Grand Lodge was called off and the President of the M.B.F. retired, with other representative Trustees, in order to be readmitted in procession, bearing the 'Portal Jewel', the symbol of, and link to, the Founder of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Reverend George Raymond Portal.



The Brethren then rose to welcome representatives from two selected charities. From the Irene Taylor Trust, an organisation bringing music tuition into prisons: Funding and Communications Director, Luke Bowyer; Projects and Progression Coordinator Kitya Mark; and singer and songwriter, Darren Clugg. And from ShelterBox, the charity providing disaster relief and humanitarian aid, Trustee James Sinclair Taylor.

Also processing into Grand Lodge was the 2024 M.B.F. Festival Team, led by the Festival President, R.W.Bro. Gary Horstman, Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire. There were several addresses given, relating to the progress of the M.B.F., its activities in 2023, and how to go about securing grants for funding of worthy causes. Also, an update on the 2024 M.B.F. Festival, and the formal launch of the Grand Master's Keystone Fund.



The guests then retired and Grand Lodge was called on. The Pro Grand Master rose to address the Brethren, starting with another cheque presentation, to W.Bro. Sir Michael Snyder, **P.G.Swd.B.**, Craft Metropolitan Grand Master, this time for £100,000 to go towards the London Freemasons' support for London's Air Ambulance Charity. This was greeted with great acclamation by the Brethren.



warm and welcoming environment for like-minded Brethren to enjoy the fraternal bonds that Freemasonry has to offer. These members then promulgate through the other Orders, bringing with them enthusiasm and freshness, which helps them grow and flourish as a result.

R.W.Bro. Spence then informed Brethren that, for the first time ever, he had invited the Pro Grand Master of the Mark to similarly address the Quarterly Communication of UGLE the following day.

M.W.Bro. Prizeman thanked the Craft Pro Grand Master for his address and concluded his own address, welcoming guests from other Constitutions, Brethren from overseas, and Heads of Orders. He then thanked W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, **P.G.S.D.**, Charities Manager, and the rest of the team at M.M.H. who had put so much work into the charitable side of the day's meeting, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his team for the ceremonial arrangements for the day.

We then heard from ShelterBox Trustee James Sinclair Taylor who received a cheque for £50,000 for their efforts in the current troubled regions of the world.



And Darren Clugg, from the Irene Taylor Trust, entertained us with two of his own compositions, and the story of how the music project had helped him through his time in prison, and kept him on the straight and narrow following his return to the community. At the meal afterwards a cheque for £500 was presented to the Irene Taylor Trust, which we hope to follow up with a full funding exercise for one of their projects.



M.W.Bro. Prizeman then introduced his counterpart in the Craft, R.W.Bro. Jonathan Spence, **P.G.S.W.**, Pro Grand Master of UGLE.

R.W.Bro. Spence talked about the strong bonds now developing between the Craft & Royal Arch and the Mark and other M.M.H. administered Companion Orders. The message is very clear, we are all Freemasons and, working together and choosing a path of Masonic progression through the Royal Arch and Companion Orders is a strength and benefit for all concerned. To succeed, we must nurture our Craft Lodges and keep them fresh and vibrant with new members, and the retention of existing members, delivering high quality ceremonies, at well-attended meetings and, above all, a happy,



The Brethren then retired to a very enjoyable meal in great numbers at the Grand Connaught Rooms, and the buzz around the dining hall paid testament to the thoroughly enjoyable time Brethren had experienced during this annual celebration of the fantastic achievements of the Mark Benevolent Fund.



We mentioned the Pro Grand Master being invited to address the meeting of UGLE on Wednesday. This he did, with a powerful and passionate speech highlighting the importance of our continued and ever-improving working relationship with the Craft which brought the full-house attendance in the Grand Temple to its feet in warm and appreciative applause as he returned to his seat.

Article by Vimee Patel, MMH, and photos by Bob Tuthill

Presentation to Craft Grand Lodge by our Pro Grand Master - 13 March 2024

I thank M.W. Bro. Jonathan Spence for inviting me to address this Quarterly Communication. I am sure you are wondering why someone from Mark Masons' Hall has been invited to address Grand Lodge. Brethren you may not be aware I have served longer than M.W. Bro. Jonathan as a Pro. Grand Master, by almost twenty-four hours, being Installed at Mark Grand Lodge the day before the Quarterly Communication of Craft Grand Lodge in September 2022. But let me assure you I do recognise today that he is The Pro. Grand Master, and I am A Pro. Grand Master. Today I address you as a Past Grand Sword Bearer.



But why me? Mark Mason? Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. Why should I be invited to address this Quarterly Communication.

That question is any easy one to answer; I would not be where I am today unless first and foremost, I am a Craft and Royal Arch Mason. And as such it has allowed me over the last fifty-two years to take further measured steps on my Masonic journey.

It cannot be denied that some Brethren after completing their third degree at first decide to be Advanced into the Mark Degree, perhaps they consider one must first prepare the Keystone before you can wrench it forth. But we accept without exception that the very spring and fount of all English Freemasonry the foundation on which it has been built for the last two hundred and ten years are the Three Craft Degrees and including the Royal Arch. We have in today's Paper of Business amendments that demonstrate the closeness of the Craft and Royal Arch.

The Royal Arch should never be considered a way to a means, a clear demonstration of commitment to progress is essential if a brother and companion is to understand and make a worthwhile contribution in the Companion Orders. I would suggest that a Royal Arch Chapter provides one of the most memorable experiences in Freemasonry, after a brother's Initiation, when during the Exaltation ceremony the blindfold is removed, and the secret vault is revealed to his view.

An active participation in a Royal Arch Chapter is an essential ingredient in qualifying for membership of at least five of the Orders of Freemasonry administered by Mark Masons' Hall, all represented here today by Craft Grand Officers who have the further privilege of being Grand Masters of those various Orders.

I will introduce them:-

V.W. Bro. Paul Clement Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar.

W. Bro. Graham Flight, Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine.

W. Bro. Kessick Jones Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

W. Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Also with us today from the Mark

The Deputy Grand Master W.Bro. Frank Spencer the Assistant Grand Master V.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Wilson, and our newly appointed and invested Grand Secretary W.Bro. Daniel Heath.

I firmly believe the various Orders of Freemasonry beyond the Craft should never be rushed, too much too soon leads to confusion in the early years of the masonic shared experience. And should always be in balance with domestic and civil responsibilities. Membership of any Masonic order from the very start should be regarded as a privilege to which we can make a worthwhile contribution.

I always remind Mark Lodges, Provinces, and Mark Grand Lodge of that fact - because active participation in our Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters will identify those Brethren who may qualify by their active participation to make further Masonic discoveries. And in every case GLMMM supports that responsibility.

I am pleased to note that recently the Mark Provincial Grand Master for London with the support of the Metropolitan Grand Master has held Royal Arch awareness meetings for Mark Masons. In which I know he has and will emphasise that The Royal Arch should be considered an integral part of the Brethren's understanding of the route their Masonic journey should take - again first and foremost the Three Degrees including the Royal Arch.

I repeat It stands to reason we should be active Craft and Royal Arch Masons so that we can advise Brethren and companions on the next logical routes available to them which their curiosity, inclination and personal circumstances in life will allow them to pursue on their masonic journey. Of course I hope that an awareness of the Orders beyond the Craft will be permitted and explained in Craft Lodges as well as those Orders requiring Royal Arch membership, but I believe it is incumbent within those Orders beyond the Craft to emphasise in their own respective Lodges, Preceptories, Conclaves and Councils that their Orders cannot succeed without of a strong and prosperous Craft.

It cannot be denied that the various Orders offer further opportunity for Brethren to serve, excel, and exercise their talents either as ritualists or administrators. It is essential that in Provinces and Districts there is a regular and programmed round table dialogue between the Heads of all the Orders, by that I mean equal partners working for the good of Freemasonry, - as there now clearly exists and is hereby demonstrated between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons together with the Companion Orders.

To summarise

- The Orders beyond the Craft and Royal Arch administered by Mark Masons' Hall should in many instances be considered complementary and Companion Orders.
- The Masonic journey throughout the Orders is not one to be rushed.
- Orders beyond the Craft are not instead of - but they are as well as.

I believe the answer to our future prosperity and success lies in the maxim YES If we continue to work together, we will win that which we so earnestly desire a prosperous and vibrant future for Freemasonry. I would suggest Freemasonry is a many faceted jewel to which all those facets bring a brilliance to the whole.

I thank you for your kind attention.



Where is the Travelling Keystone?



The Travelling Keystone was taken home from the Annual Meeting by the brethren of the Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge No 1569.



Their next meeting is being held on Thursday the 13th of June at Surbiton. This will be an Installation meeting so why not put together a raiding party from your Lodge to take home the Keystone.



Happy Birthday Eric



Friday the 8th of March was a very special day for Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 995. Not only was our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, and a team of Provincial Officers, visiting their installation meeting, but their senior member, W.Bro. Eric Trodd, P.A.G.Swd.B., was celebrating his 90th Birthday that day.

Eric, who was born on the 8th of March 1934, was Advanced into the Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons on the 12th of September 1980. He was their Worshipful Master in 1988 and has been a strong supporter of the Lodge ever since. He is currently the Chaplain of the Lodge.



Eric was Elevated into the Stoneleigh Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in 1981 and was Worshipful Commander in 1991. He holds Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank.

He is a member of ten Companion Orders and holds Grand Rank in nine of them. He is an excellent ritualist even today, and his party piece is the office of Most Excellent President in the Allied Masonic degree of the Holy Order of Grand High Priest, which is a joy to watch.



The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ian Baillie, who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

After a report on the door W.Bro. Paul Wicking, P.G.J.D., Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, entered and announced that the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, was outside and demanded admission to the Lodge.



The Provincial Grand Master entered to spontaneous applause, was greeted by the Worshipful Master and briefly took the gavel. After he was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, he said how good it was to be visiting Stoneleigh Lodge on this special day and congratulated W.Bro. Eric on reaching this milestone.

He then introduced the Officers who had accompanied him, especially W.Bro. Paul Wicking who will be standing down as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies at the Annual Meeting in a week's time, thanking him for looking after the Executive so well over the past five years. He then took the minutes and vacated the Chair.

W.Bro. Ian Baillie was Proclaimed as Worshipful Master for a further year and the Officers of the Lodge were appointed and invested.

The next item on the agenda was to ballot to make R.W.Bro. John French, Provincial Grand Master, an Honorary Member. This was carried with acclaim and the Provincial Grand Master warmly thanked the Brethren of Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the honour conferred.



The Lodge was closed, and after photographs, the Brethren of Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



After the meal Shelley brought in a birthday cake and we all sang Happy Birthday to Eric.

The Brethren of Stoneleigh Lodge of Mark Master Masons did a splendid job of ensuring the 8th of March 2024 was a very special day for Eric.

Congratulations!

Brethren, I am delighted to announce that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to Appoint or Promote the following Surrey Brethren in Grand Lodge Mark Master Masons:

R.W. Bro. Archibald Torrance President of the Mark Benevolent Fund
R.W. Bro. Ian N Clark Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund

First Appointments:

David T Clark G.Stwd.
Michael A Prentice P.G.St.B.
Robert A Soper P.G.St.B.

Promotions:

William A Caughie P.G.J.O.
Andrew G Sales P.G.J.D.

Surrey Mark Masons through other Provinces

Raymond R Johnson P.G.J.O. (London)



My personal congratulations go to all of them, and we look forward to seeing them being invested in June and September.

R.W.Bro. John V C French
Provincial Grand Master



The Mark Province of Surrey Provincial Grand Officers Mess

Annual General Meeting
with Guest Speaker: Ms Sally Wooding from the
Therapy Garden Charity
<https://www.thetherapygarden.org/>

Friday 17th May 2024
6.00pm for 6.30pm
at
Nutfield Masonic Centre
Nutfield Lodge, Nutfield Road,
Redhill, RH1 4ED

Menu (£28:00)
Classic Chicken Provençal with Fried
Baby Potatoes and Garlic
Brown Butter.

Homemade Chocolate Profiteroles with
Ice Cream and Chocolate
Sauce

Tea / Coffee

Happy Easter

Our Provincial Grand Master was seen in the Miller Bar at the Sutton Masonic Hall helping Nigel Feltham of Croydon Mark Lodge and Shelley Sykes from the Sutton Masonic Hall get ready to deliver the Easter Eggs kindly donated by Lodges and Brethren.



Nigel says thanks to everyone who has donated to the Easter Egg food bank. This year we have given away over 1100 Easter Eggs to:

- Woman's one stop shop
- Sutton Young Carers
- Home start Sutton
- Home start Epsom
- St Helier Hospital
- Epsom Hospital
- Sutton Pantry
- Woman's refuge
- Leatherhead community fridge
- Sutton Opportunity Pre school
- St Christopher's shooting stars, via the Widows Sons



A message from Sutton Carers Centre

The Easter Bunny, Nigel, has returned this year to deliver our Young Carers Easter Eggs.

Marcel the Young Carers Engagement Support Worker and Julia the Young Carers Manager were so egg-static to receive the haul of eggs and can't wait to share them with everyone.

Thank you so much to Sutton Masonic Hall for your lovely donation.



A message from Epsom and St Helier NHS Trust



Egg-citing deliveries have been occurring across our hospitals Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust this week and we couldn't be more grateful for the support.



We have facilitated donations of over 800 Easter Eggs which will mean every child saying on our wards, or attending outpatients or the Emergency Department, will receive an Easter egg.

A big thanks to Sutton Masonic Hall and Surrey Freemasons for your amazing donations.

2024 Mark Inter Province Cricket Match



On Sunday the 21st of July the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will host the annual Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament between Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex at The Warren, the Metropolitan Police Sports Club in Hayes, Bromley.



The yearly competition and family day brings together teams and supporters from the Mark Provinces of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex, with each taking it in turns to host the day.



Timetable for the day

<i>The Big Toss Up</i> – to decide who plays who and when	09.45
1 st Game A versus B	10.15
2 nd Game C versus D	11.45
3 rd Game Third and fourth play offs	
Loser of Game 1 versus Loser of Game 2	13.30
4 th Game THE FINAL	
Winner of Game 1 versus Winner of Game 2	15.00
PRESENTATION CEREMONY	17.00



The Trophy presentation will be made by the Provincial Grand Master of Kent accompanied by Provincial Executive and their representatives from Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex

The timetable on the day may be subject to change due to various factors outside the control of the organisers.

Competition Rules:

Four matches of 10 overs duration each (2 innings of 10 overs per team). Five overs will be bowled consecutively from one end then the next 5 overs from the opposite end. The batsman will change ends at the completion of each over apart from the end of the 5th over. Two overs maximum per bowler and maximum 25 runs per batsman and then retire. If all wickets are lost the retiring batsmen may return.

The highest runs determine the winner in each match. In the event of a tie the least wickets lost is the winner. If still a tie the runs scored at the end of nine overs and then fewest wickets lost after nine overs etc.