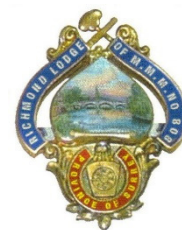




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## The Centennial Meeting of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons

Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 808 was Consecrated at 5 p.m. on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1924 at The Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, Surrey, in the presence of R.W.Bro. Rt.Hon. The Earl of Onslow, *O.B.E., D.L.*, Provincial Grand Master, and 65 other Brethren. The Consecrating Officer was V.W.Bro. Sir George King, Grand Registrar, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.



On Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 the Brethren of Richmond Lodge of MMM No 808 celebrated 100 years of continuous working with a celebratory meeting at the Surbiton Masonic Hall. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Pro Grand Master, MW Bro John H Prizeman who was there to congratulate the members of the Lodge, and to present the Worshipful Master with a Centennial Warrant.







After the Lodge was opened there was a report on the door. The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr, entered in procession accompanied by 15 Provincial Officers of the year, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, offered the gavel, and assumed the Chair.

W.Bro. Bill thanked the Brethren for their warm welcome and said how pleased he was to be at Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons on this special day. He also thanked the many Provincial Grand Officers who had accompanied him to support this special meeting. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then asked certain Provincial Officers to carry out their duties.



After a report on the door the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Gary Allen, **P.G.J.O.**, Dep.Prov.G.M. (East Anglia), entered and advised the Deputy Provincial Grand Master that the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, was outside the door of the Lodge and demanded admission.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master entered preceded by the Acting Grand Sword Bearer, V.W.Bro. Raymond Johnson, **P.G.J.O.**, and followed by the acting Grand Standard Bearer, V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, **P.G.M.O.**, P.A.Prov.G.M. (Lon),

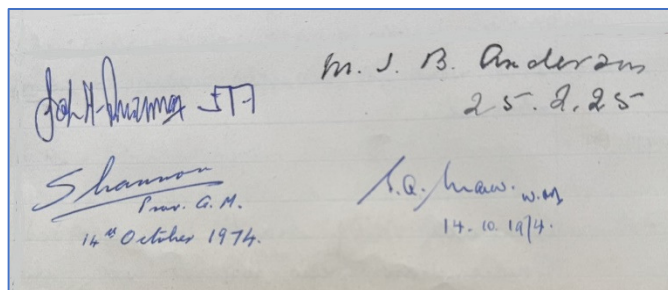
The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master was welcomed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, offered the gavel, and assumed the Chair. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master was saluted with 11



under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. M.W.Bro. John Prizeman responded appropriately, thanking the Brethren for their warm welcome and saying how pleased he was to be at Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons to present the Lodge with their Centenary Warrant.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master addressed the lodge and explained the purpose of the meeting. He called upon the Secretary to read the Original Warrant. He then called upon the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies to read the Centenary Warrant. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master on behalf of the Most Worshipful Grand Master formally presented the Centenary Warrant to the Worshipful Master and invited him to resume the chair of the Lodge.

The Worshipful Master addressed the Pro Grand Master thanking him for presenting the Centenary Warrant and for honouring the lodge by his presence. He then called on the Secretary to read a precis of the consecration minutes of the Lodge. These were signed by the Pro Grand Master as a record of 100 years continuous working of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master invited the Pro Grand Master, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, to meet and congratulate the members of the Lodge.



The Worshipful Master invited R.W.Bro. Ian N Clark, **Dep.Pres.M.B.F., P.Prov.G.M.**, to Dedicate the Lodge Banner. R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, took the chair and gave a most interesting address on the object and purpose of the Dedication, finishing with the Opening Prayer by the Provincial Chaplain.

The Banner was escorted into the Lodge and the Dedicating Officer asked the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to unveil the Lodge Banner. The Provincial Grand Chaplain delivered a most interesting Oration address on the Banner. This was followed by the Dedicatory Prayer.

The Dedicating Director of Ceremonies asked the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the Brethren of the Lodge, to accept the Lodge Banner. After the Blessing, the Banner was placed on its stand in the East and the Dedicatory hymn was sung. The Chaplain ended with the Patriarchal Benediction.

We are deeply indebted to R.W.Bro. Ian, an Honorary Member of the Lodge, for agreeing to dedicate our Lodge Banner.



After the collection of Alms, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master retired from the Lodge.



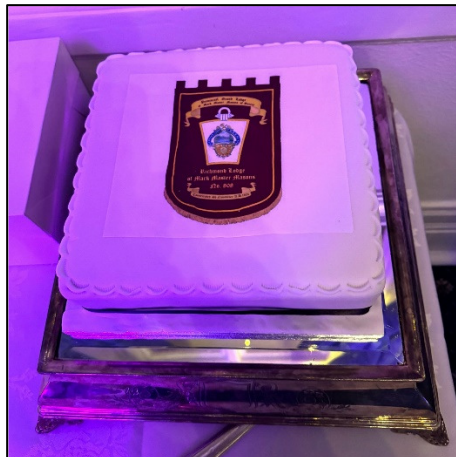
The Lodge was closed with solemn prayer and the Worshipful Master, accompanying the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, past members of the Provincial Executive, Honoured Guests and Provincial Officers retired from the Lodge to music from the Provincial Grand Organist, W.Bro. Bob Soper.



After a pre-dinner drinks reception 33 members of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons and 44 guests dined together in the Elizabethan Suite at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.







V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen made two of his rum cakes for us to have with our coffee. He also made one for the Pro Grand Master.



A most enjoyable festive board was had by all.



The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Fleetwood, P.G.J.D., P.Prov.G.S.W., thanked the Pro Grand Master for attending our Centenary Meeting and helping to make this such a special day for Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons.



In his reply the Pro Grand Master said what a pleasure it had been to present the Lodge with their Centenary Warrant, and to personally meet all the members of the Lodge. He then proposed the Toast to Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons. W.Bro. John replied by highlighting the ups and downs of the Lodge over many years, and now we are one of the strongest Mark Lodges in the Province.



The Secretary, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, **P.G.J.O.**, P.A.Prov.G.M., presented the Pro Grand Master and his Escorting Officer, V.W.Bro. Gary Allan, with tokens of our appreciation.



As is the custom at Surrey Mark festive boards, the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins

