



A Candidate for Pride of Surrey Mark Lodge

In January Pride of Surrey Lodge put out a call for support from Surrey Brethren to assist with an Advancement Ceremony. Many Brethren answered the call, including our Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John V C French, several Provincial Officers of the Year, and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley who acted as Senior Deacon, seen here with the Junior Deacon, Bro. Nael Clark, and the Candidate Brother Asher Ansel James Baker.



The afternoon started with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners which was opened by the acting Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Chris Wates, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and the many visitors, thanking them for coming along to support the Pride of Surrey Lodge.



The Brethren stood for a minute in silent memory of their Worshipful Comander, W.Bro. Ron Scarlett, who sadly passed away after a long illness. A ballot was then taken for Ron's old friend, W.Bro. Paul Haycock, **R.A.M.G.R.** This proved in his favour and Paul was welcomed into the Lodge. The Lodge was closed and after the usual group photo the Temple was prepared for the Mark meeting.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Chris Wates, who again welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and the many visitors, thanking them for coming along to support the Pride of Surrey Lodges.



A Eulogy was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley in memory of their Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ron Scarlett. Chris was asked to give the Masonic tribute at W.Bro. Ron's funeral as he and Ron were good friends, Chris having been involved in most of Ron's ceremonies since he joined the Companion Orders. Ron's old friend Paul Haycock became a joining member of the Lodge.

The main item on the agenda was to advance Brother Asher Ansel James Baker of Croydon Lodge of Concord No 463. The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Master and his Officers with the assistance of our Provincial Grand Master and several visiting Brethren.

Afterwards Bro. Asher was welcomed in the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and into the Order and the Province of Surrey by our Provincial Grand Master.



The Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

A 50 Year Celebration at Lingfield Mark Lodge



On Friday the 10th of January W. Bro. Bill Barr, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, attended the Lingfield RAM and Mark Meetings. It was not an official visit, but Bill was keen to present W. Bro. David Planner with his certificate to celebrate a half century of membership of the Mark degree.

There was a good turnout. In the RAM meeting W. Bro. Bill presented a RAM certificate to Bro. Lawrence Simmons.

In the Mark Meeting W. Bro. David Planner, the Worshipful Master, carried out a wonderful Installation of W. Bro. Chris Da-Silva-Skinner. After which, two chairs were pulled up in front of the Master Overseer's station and were occupied by W. Bro. David Planner and W. Bro. Bill Barr. The citation for 50 years of service to the Mark was read and the presentation was made.

W. Bro. Bill then read a wonderful and affectionate paper prepared by W. Bro. David's wife, Brenda. They had first met whilst ice skating in Streatham and had recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. It transpired that David, an Architect, had prepared plans and supervised works at no less than three Masonic centres. David was top student in Kent in the HNC exams and qualified as an Architect in 1975. He practised and taught Judo and Akido, becoming a Second Dan.

A serial Secretary, David is currently a member of eight Masonic units.

At the Festive Board sixteen sat down and shared a fraternal and, at times, an emotional time.

Thanks to Bill Barr





St Andrew's Lodge.

I have now attended three meetings, where two of them had asked for support from our Surrey Mark Masons due to lack of numbers at their meetings. They received that support. Mark men do put themselves out!

St Andrew's 806 was one of the three and dear to my heart. We had twenty members on our roll. We have, within the last few weeks, lost two members, one due to a promotion which has taken him to Berwick on Tweed and one who wished to withdraw for personal reasons. Of the remaining eighteen, two are very frail, one living some distance away, and in their late eighties, and early nineties, another member is working in the European Union. Two are working men and could not attend and one has political requirements which on this occasion prevented him from attending. Another was at the last meeting as Worshipful Master with an Installation to perform in a Craft lodge. One is in Spain, and two just did not turn up.

Despite that, we did not call on support, we managed to fill essential officer posts with the help of W.Bro. Bernie Greenwood in both Royal Ark Mariners and The Mark. Our agenda was further restricted as we did have a candidate who expressed a desire to be advanced in Mark by our current Worshipful Master. The latter is just recovering from a double knee replacement, this was his first meeting since his op so the candidate will be advanced in March. It is not all bad at all, just a conspiring of coincidences. We have another candidate in the wings for the new season and possibly two more. Things can look up and we are working hard to achieve this. We have just celebrated our one hundred years and we intend to carry on.

I have to admit, mainly because of our Worshipful Master and his possible non-attendance following a serious major operation on his two knees, we did have a rather bland set of meetings. We could have had a couple of demonstrations, but decided instead to choose the Mark Lodge Risings as an opportunity to look at our membership.

We have taken several steps to rectify our future meetings. We intend to follow up our two possible new members and not let them fall through the net. One of our key men will receive support from another member in encouraging new members from our Farnham Masonic Centre.

A visit by a member of St Andrews to the other Farnham Centre Lodges to advertise our existence is being considered and we look forward to this producing results. We are grateful to our Official Visitor who is very supportive. We shall see what our efforts bring. Furthermore, all members attending have been asked to bring a guest.

The nine members and W.Bro. Bernie Greenwood who did attend, all said that our evening was very positive. Mainly, we enjoyed ourselves. Our festive board was well provided at a cost of only £26 and our raffle, thanks to Bob Rance and others who donated prizes, together with our Alms collection, raised a useful amount of money for charities. The discussions may produce a positive outcome. We shall see. And we happily passed on the Travelling Keystone.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 27th. Please put it in your diary, electronic or otherwise. If you wish to support us, please contact our secretary, Allan Steele, whose email address is allan.steele@hotmail.com and you will receive a summons, see an advancement and have a good quality meal at a very reasonable price.

And you will be amongst friends! What more could one ask for? This is Mark!

Thanks to Michael Fenech



Crystal Palace Lodge

The Installation meeting of Crystal Palace Mark Lodge No. 450 was held at Nutfield Lodge on Wednesday the 5th of February 2025. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr, and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Ray Beadle, opened the Lodge and Master welcomed everyone. W.Bro. Andy Lynch, the Escorting Officer, entered and announced the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. A procession was formed and W.Bro. Bill Barr entered the Lodge, whereupon the Master proffered the gavel, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master took the Chair. He introduced the Provincial Officers and mentioned the forthcoming Annual Meeting, the Provincial Officers Mess Dinner, and the Golf Day. He then took the minutes and vacated the Chair.

Bro. Secretary read the Dispensation to permit W.Bro. Paul Haxell to be installed into the Chair whilst he was also the Master of Kintore Lodge No. 333. The outgoing Master installed W.Bro. Paul into the Chair and the Official Visitor presented the Working Tools. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master congratulated the new Master, who then appointed and invested his officers.

The Address to the Master was given by W.Bro. Mick Clay, to the Wardens by Bro. Jason Wren, to the Overseers by W.Bro. Ivan Larkin, and to the Brethren by W.Bro. Bill Barr.

After the remaining business had been concluded the Lodge was closed and the Brethren of Crystal Palace Lodge and their guests sat down to an enjoyable meal together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.



In 1892, the Crystal Palace Mark Lodge No. 450 was consecrated. In 1919, with a change of location, the name was changed to Sutton Surrey lodge.

The RAM lodge was founded in 1929 and took that title.

In 1990 the Mark Lodge returned to its original name.

Table Fellowship Lodge

It is always a pleasure to visit Lodges and, as my time as an active officer comes to a close, I am attending as many meetings as possible. Table Fellowship Lodge was such an enjoyable evening set in Surbiton. Easy parking, pleasant surroundings, and a well-presented, fine meal enhanced the experience.

As usual, there were many familiar faces, and my good friend Michael Prentice was in the chair for the meetings. The bar was soon populated with smiling brethren, and we started on time for our Royal Ark Mariner mooring.



As is often the case, business was transacted according to the agenda items. There were some four officers missing from the previous meeting, so they were duly invested and took their places accordingly. Just a pleasant meeting with posts filled by the membership and all told, some thirty or so men, including visitors, in attendance. A very good turnout!

Then on to changing regalia and as an active officer I was put in my place in procession, by a smiling James Hill. In we went and due greetings were given to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John Massey, by a jovial W.Bro. David Willmott.

Minutes were approved and signed, and the Lodge Banner was paraded. I do like ceremony and thoroughly appreciated the description provided by the Junior Warden. This is an impressive banner, and it was greeted with appropriate solemnity by all.

The Worshipful Master then installed our good friend, Michael Prentice, with an impressive display of good wording. As W.Bro. Michael had already been through the chair, we were given the shortened version with officers being then welcomed by the new Worshipful Master. However, apart from the well delivered addresses, we were treated to an excellent double certificate presentation to Bros. Underwood and Runacres by the Official Visitor, W.Bro. John Rollason.



After the meeting we retired to the enjoyable surroundings of the bar and waited for the sausages.



The meal as ever, was very good. One member obviously preferred an alternative and had steak and chips at an extra cost, not the boeuf bourguignon. I thoroughly enjoyed my dessert of apple pie and then was successful when it came to the raffle. I did win some gardening items, but Naresh swapped them for a pear and chocolate panettone! Much more appetising.



This was a very pleasant outing for me as I come to the end of my duties. I so enjoyed the ceremony, the dining and of course the raffle. The really satisfying part of my visit, however, was that fact that there was an impressive number of brethren lined up to go into the chair.

Thank you, Table Fellowship, for a completely enjoyable Mark evening!

Thanks to Michael Fenech



Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey



A meeting of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey No 1726 was held at The Surbiton Masonic Hall on Monday the 24th of February. Present was our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, several Honorary members, including our Past Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey; Past Masters, and R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. David Thompson, P.Prov.G.J.W., who welcomed everyone, especially our Deputy Provincial Grand Master and our honoured guests.



The main item on the agenda was to receive a talk from Ms Clare Burgess, the CEO of the **Sight for Surrey** Charity.



Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey is an inclusive organisation dedicated to enabling and empowering people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, blind, partially sighted and deafblind.

They champion independence, where people thrive in their communities and achieve their aspirations. They offer expert support, services, and advice across Surrey, delivering our services in homes, communities, and from their main office hub at Rentwood, School Lane, Fetcham.

At the heart of their mission lies a deep commitment to equality. They advocate for accessibility and inclusion, to ensure that people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, blind, partially sighted and deafblind can lead full and independent lives. Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey were founded in 1922 and currently support over 8,000 people in Surrey.





This most interesting and informative talk was well received by everyone present. Ms Burgess was afterwards presented with a donation towards the charity from our Worshipful Master. Clare thanked the Worshipful Master and the Brethren of **the** Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey for their kind donation.

W.Bro. David Barden was elected as Worshipful Master, and V.W.Bro. Richard Knox was elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.



The Lodge was then closed, and after refreshments we sat down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



The 2025 Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey will be held on Saturday the 15th of March 2025 at the Croydon Masonic Hall

The meeting will commence at 10.45 a.m. and will be followed by lunch at 1.30 p.m.





District Grand Lodge of Spain Annual Assembly



The Annual **Assembly of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Mason of Spain** was held on **Saturday the 1st of February in Benidorm.**

The event welcomed 400 attendees, 380 joining the Festive Board. Alongside the Assembly, they organised various cultural and leisure activities for the families and friends of their guests, with 90 people enjoying these activities.



The weekend's activities started on Friday, 31st January with an illustrated and informative talk by W. Bro. Mike Neville titled **Masons & the Evolution of Forensic Science.**

A retired Detective Chief Inspector from New Scotland Yard, Mike has unparalleled expertise in using imagery, such as CCTV, to catch criminals. He founded the world's first Super Recogniser unit, revolutionising offender identification, and now assists law enforcement agencies in locating their own Super Recognisers.

As we all know, Mike is an accomplished author who has penned three acclaimed Masonic books: **Sacred Secrets, Crime & The Craft, and Crafty Characters – Tales of Famous & Infamous Masons.** He also leads captivating Masonic tours of London and frequently appears on TV to discuss crime and policing.

Following W. Bro. Mike Neville, the District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, invited all the Mark men and their families and friends attending the District weekend to a welcome drinks and canapés reception within the Gran Bali Hotel. This was an informal get-together and was a great chance to catch up with old friends as well as make new ones.

On Saturday the 1st of February in the morning the official Grand Assembly of the Mark District of Spain meeting was held. This was held in the Crystal Auditorium of the Gran Bali Hotel. After the meeting, there was a Festive Board located in the Gran Bali Hotel.





Congratulations to Sussex Mark

The Mark Province of Sussex celebrated their Sesquicentennial Anniversary in style on Saturday, the 23rd of February at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Gatwick.

Although the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex was established in 1874 the Mark Order in Sussex had already been working for 10 years. The Royal Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 75 had been issued with a warrant by Grand Lodge in 1865. The consecration ceremony for the Royal Sussex Lodge was held at the Old Ship Hotel in Brighton. The Royal Sussex Lodge went on to sponsor three other lodges eight years later. The Southdown Lodge of Mark Masons No. 164, the East Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 166 and the Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 168.



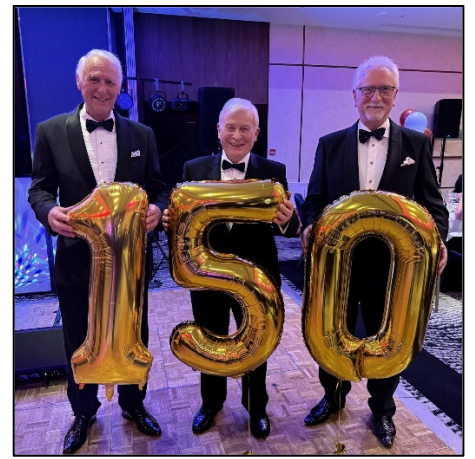
As well as many members of the Mark Province of Sussex, there were honoured guests from the surrounding Provinces and Heads of other Orders in Sussex, including our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, and his wife Hazel. Also present was the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman.

From 6 pm guests started to arrive for a drinks reception where we were able to catch up with some old friends and meet new friends. At 6:45, we were called into dinner where we were served a lovely three course meal in attractive surroundings.

During the meal we were entertained by a singer, who went round serenading the tables.



After the meal the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Br. Roger F Richardson thanked everyone for attending and supporting this special event in the history of Sussex Mark Masonry. He also thanked W.Br. Glen Coneley and his team for all the hard work they had put in to make the evening such a success.



We were entertained by a very talented ABBA tribute group, which got everyone up dancing.



We were then entertained by the Jersey Boys with their unique style of singing. All too soon it was time to make our way home after a most successful and enjoyable evening.



Thank you Roger and the Brethren of the Mark Province of Sussex for a very successful and enjoyable evening.



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master
Masons of Sussex

&
The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner of Sussex.



A Donation to The Prostate Project

In February the members of the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons (*the Secretaries, Treasurers and Directors of Ceremonies Lodge*) received a presentation on the Prostate Project and afterward made a donation towards the work they do in the community.



The Lodge was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, **Dep.Pres.M.B.F., P.Prov.G.M.**, who welcomed everyone, especially W.Bro. John Massey, A.Prov.G.M. V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, **P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M.**, acted as Senior Warden for the meeting. After the business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and we prepared the Temple for the presentation that followed.



We received a very interesting and informative talk by Martin Davies, the Chairman of the Prostate Project, on the Charity and Prostate Cancer.





The Prostate Project, which was established in 1998, is run almost entirely by volunteers. They are based in Guildford, and support the Royal Surrey County Hospital, St Luke's Cancer Centre, Frimley Park Hospital and the Oncology Research Group at the University of Surrey.

Their involvement, support and fundraising have been significant factors in the Royal Surrey County Hospital being widely recognised as a 'Centre of Excellence' in the treatment and diagnosis of the disease. All their work has one ultimate goal – to bring direct benefits to prostate cancer sufferers and their families.

Afterwards W.Bro. John Massey thanked Martin for his enlightening presentation, which gave us all food for thought on the need to get tested and had much pleasure in presenting him with a cheque for £10,000 from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund, which was gratefully received, and we know will be faithfully applied.



Provincial Grand Officers' Mess

A message from our Deputy Provincial Grand Master

Dear Brother,

A Happy New Year and all the best for 2025.

Our Annual Mark Meeting this year will be held at The Croydon Masonic Halls on Saturday 15th March. It is hoped that you will make every effort to attend to support our Provincial Grand Master, the Province, and also all those Provincial Grand Officers who will receive Appointment, Promotion, or ProvRAMGR. Please find a booking form on the website:



Following soon after the Annual Meeting, the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, requests your presence at an Officers' Mess sponsored event at the Nutfield Masonic Centre on Friday the 28th of March. He sees this as a way welcoming the new Provincial Officers, thanking those who are outgoing and bringing the whole Province together for a Spring celebration. This celebration is not only confined to members of the Surrey Mark, however. It will be a relaxed affair and to that end he hopes that you will bring your wife or partner and friends both Masonic and non-masonic.

There is a three course (pre-chosen) menu, a live singer, a table magician and dancing. We will start at 7.00 pm and finish at 10.30, to keep the weekend free. Sent herewith is a booking form, please return this to Michael Fenech, the Mess Secretary. If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fenech on fenech42@btinternet.com

Kind Regards

Bill Barr

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

28th March 2025 at 7pm
Nutfield Masonic Centre, Nutfield, RH1 4ED.



*Surrey Mark Officers Mess
Social Evening*

**Three course meal (menu to be chosen in advance)
Music and Entertainment for £38 pp**

Mark Masons, Craft and non-masons and their Partners are welcome.

W. Bro. Micheal Fenech at fenech42@btinternet.com

SURREY MARK PROVINCIAL OFFICERS MESS.
A Thank you and Welcome Evening.
Friday 28th March 2025.

Nutfield Masonic Centre, Nutfield Rd, Redhill, RH1 4ED.

Menu for the Event on Friday 28th March 2025.
Meeting at 7.00pm for a 7.30 dining.

Prawn Cocktail **OR** Melon
Classic chicken Provençal with fried baby potatoes and garlic brown butter
OR Beef and Mushroom Pie
Apple Crumble **OR** Cheesecake **OR** Crème Brulee
Tea, Coffee, Mints

(Cheese & Biscuits are as follows at a small extra cost - Instead of dessert - £2.50. - As an extra course - £4.95)

Booking Form.

To returned by Wednesday, 12th March 2025.

Dining Fee - £38.00 Per person (excluding wine)

Name: Contact number:
Lodge Name: No:

I will be attending the social evening: Y / N and be bringing guests.
Name: Menu Selection:

I have made a direct transfer of funds to the Officers Mess account: Y / N
£.....

Bank details: should you wish to pay by transfer and set up Standing Order for future payments: Lloyds Bank - Sutton Branch - Account Name: **Surrey Mark Officers Mess**
Sort code: **30-98-36** Account No: **00618422** → Please quote your name as a reference and notify the Mess Secretary.
Or
I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to **Surrey Mark Officers Mess** to cover the dining costs.

Please send the completed form to The Mess Secretary:
Michael Fenech, Heather Cottage, Littleworth Road, The Sands, Farnham, Surrey.
GU10 1JW. Mobile: 07801-009-889. email: fenech42@btinternet.com

If you are unable to attend, please email and let me know.
I am unable to attend this event.



The Surrey Mark

Charity Golf Day

Monday 2nd June 2025

**Chobham Golf Club, Chobham Road,
Knaphill, Woking, Surrey GU21 2TZ**

Office: 01276 855584

Pro Shop: 01276 855748



To raise funds for The Mark Benevolent Fund

RETURN COMPLETED FORM

By post to:

Nigel Graham: 2 John Ades Close, Ash, Aldershot, Hampshire GU12 6EL

By email to: n.graham123@btinternet.com M: 07976 546355

COST: Full Day - £70.00 | Meal Only - £30.00

Cheques made payable to:
Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund



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