



Four Candidates for Ditton Mark Lodge

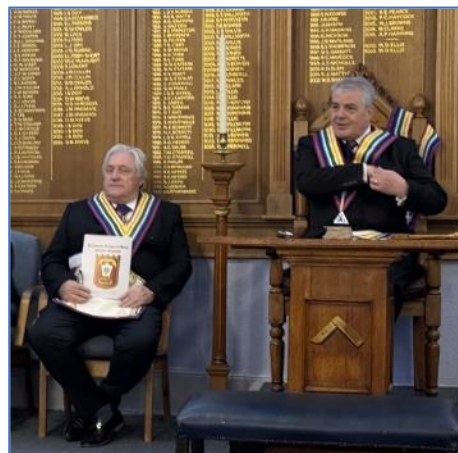


In April, Ditton Lodge conducted an Advancement Ceremony for four Candidates. In attendance and assisting the Lodge was our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John V C French, several Provincial Officers of the Year, and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, who acted as Senior Deacon for the ceremony, seen here with the Junior Deacon, W.Bro. Colin Beerling, and the Candidates. W.Bro. Colin was at the time the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor in Surrey.





The afternoon started with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners which was opened by the acting Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Ray Beadle, who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bill Caughie, and the many visitors, thanking them for coming along to support Ditton Lodge.



The Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Adam Spevack, joined the meeting in time to be elected as Worshipful Commander for a second year.

Our Provincial Grand Master then had pleasure in presenting W.Bro. Chris Eley with a Grand Patron Gold MBF collarette thanking him for his support for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

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



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Stephen Nicklin, who welcomed everyone. After a report on the door the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Les Smith, P.G.Stwd., advised the Worshipful Master that V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie, P.G.J.O., Assistant Provincial Grand Master was outside the door of the Lodge. The Assistant Provincial Grand Master entered with a good team of Provincial Officers, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master, accepted the gavel, and took the Chair.

He said how good it was to be visiting Ditton Lodge, especially with four candidates to be advanced today. He introduced the Provincial Officers who had accompanied him, took the minutes, and vacated the Chair as the Lodge had some work to do.



The main item on the agenda was to Advance four candidates into the Mark Degree. The Ceremony was conducted by the Worshipful Master and his Officers with the assistance of our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, who explained the signs, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley who acted as Senior Deacon, and several visiting Brethren who acted in office.



Afterwards the four Brethren were welcomed in the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and into the Order and the Province of Surrey by our Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

W.Bro. Stephen Nicklin was Proclaimed as Worshipful Masree to the ensuing year. Following which he appointed and invested his Officers.

The Address to the Brethren was given by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, our Past Provincial Grand Master.



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





Sussex by the Sea



The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex took place on Tuesday the 5th of April at The Charmandean Centre in Worthing.



After a good drive down to the sunny South Coast the Surrey delegation were pleased to be able to enjoy the coffee and get together with Brethren from Sussex and many other Provinces. There were honoured guests from many Provinces and other Masonic Orders in Sussex.





By 2.40 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 2.50 pm the Brethren were called to order by W.Bro. Mark Hoare, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.



The meeting was called to order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year.

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Roger Richardson, led by the Keystone Bearer and the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearers, entered in procession.

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 Provincial Grand Master then received a delegation of Royal Ark Mariners.

He had much pleasure in presenting W.Bro. Gordon Leamon with a Certificate celebrating 50 years in the Royal Ark Mariner Degree.

Before approving the minutes of the previous meeting, 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 Sussex Mark.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been completed, he announced the re-appointment of W.Bro. David Brian Dumigan, **P.G.S. D.** as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. Adrian Leonard Verco, **P.G.J.D.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

After appointing or promoting his Officers for the ensuing year the Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. In his Address he congratulated the newly appointed brethren and thanked them for their support. He thanked the Honoured Guests and Heads of Other Orders in Sussex for their support, and their hospitality when attending their Annual Meetings.

He spoke about the successful 150th Anniversary Gala Dinner held at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Gatwick in the presence of our Pro Grand Master and many guests from other Provinces. He thanked W.Bro. Glen Coneley and his team for all the hard work they had put in to make the evening such a success.



He congratulated those Brethren who will be receiving appointment or promotion in Grand Rank this year, as well as those Brethren appointed, reappointed or promoted today. He said how good it was to have the support of the Sussex Craft at his Annual Meeting and invited the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, V.W.Bro. Chris Moore, **P.G.M.O.**, to receive a donation towards his 2028 Craft Festival.

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 Master, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests, and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession, greeting their guests on the way out.



The Brethren of the Mark Province of Sussex and their guests then retired to the bar. After refreshments the Brethren of the Province of Sussex and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the Charmandean Centre.

We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable day at Sussex by the Sea.





Hampshire and Isle of Wight



The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight took place on Saturday the 12th of April at The Guildhall, Portsmouth. We received a very warm welcome on our arrival from R.W.Bro. George Deacon, the Provincial Grand Master and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight team.





The morning started with refreshments and a chance to catch up with everyone from the other Provinces, and other Orders in Hampshire and Isle of Wight. We were then called downstairs to the main hall where the meeting was being held.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Deacon. A delegation of Provincial Royal Ark Mariners was then received, followed by the Worshipful Masters in the Province. The next item was to honour the names of those brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above since the previous Annual Meeting, following which the Distinguished Guests were welcomed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.



After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been concluded the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had much pleasure in appointing W.Bro. Ian James Small, **P.G.J.D.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He thanked W.Bro. Anthony James Green for all his friendship and support as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

He then re-appointed V.W.Bro. John Burrell, **P.G.J.O.** as Assistant Provincial Grand Master saying he would appoint Adrian Cleightonhills, **P.Dep.G.D.C.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master at a later meeting of a Lodge in Hampshire and Isle of Wight. The Provincial Grand Officers of the year were then appointed and invested.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge where he thanked everyone for attending to support the Province. He received a special award from R.W.Bro. Jonathan Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight in recognition of all he has done in Freemasonry over the years. R.W.Bro. George then received several donations from other Provinces and other Order in Hampshire and Isle of Wight towards his 2026 MBF Festival.



Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and we retired for refreshments before going down to dine. It was good to see the dining room so full.



A special cake was baked by V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, to raise funds for the 2026 MBF Festival. R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, organised a game of Heads and Tails



In the reply to his Toast R.W.Bro. George again thanked everyone for attending to make it a special day for the Mark Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.



A Donation to Princess Alice Hospice

On a bright and sunny day in May, Surrey Mark, represented by our PGM and DPGM, had the privilege of presenting a 'cheque' and turning over the keys to an electric vehicle to the Princess Alice Hospice, on behalf of the MBF. R.W. Bro. John French and W. Bro. Bill Barr were welcomed by the CEO, Nigel Seymour and the Head of Philanthropy, Michelle Gulliver. It was quite an occasion, as the staff had parked the vehicle in the beautifully tended gardens so as to set the scene for photography.



The car has been adorned with two, quite noticeable MBF stickers and is already, in fact, in service. It is being used for night visits to the thousand patients that are served in their own homes by the Hospice. During some nights, the vehicle has been in action no less than eleven times and has helped bring comfort and medical assistance to many patients.



The CEO, Nigel, was also pleased to point out that the roof of the Hospice was covered with solar panels and so the running costs of the car going forward, would be minimal.



The Hospice was alive with staff and volunteers, yet with calm areas in the garden and courtyard. Each room looks out on to either the Gardens or a moat which runs round two sides of the building.



There are family rooms which can be deployed as en-suite bedrooms should the need arise, teaching suites and bright, well equipped nursing stations.

John and Bill departed with the certain knowledge that the donation from the MBF has been gratefully received and will be faithfully applied



A screenshot of a social media post from Princess Alice Hospice. The post features a photo of the four people from the main images and the text: 'A huge thank you to the Mark Benevolent Fund'. Below the photo, it says '13th May 2025' and includes a short paragraph of text: 'Earlier this month, we were extremely pleased to welcome John French and Bill Barr from the Mark Benevolent Fund of Surrey to the hospice. The purchase of our new electric community car, which is used every night by our Night Response team, was made possible through a generous grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund. Nigel Seymour, our CEO, and Lecky Nunn, our Deputy CEO and Director of Finance, Loans and Communities, were happy to have the opportunity to thank them personally on the visit, and express how the car has enhanced the services we're able to provide to our people overnight.' There are also two small inset photos of the car.

High Five at Bond of Friendship

On Saturday 3rd May, the ever-growing Bond of Friendship lodge Advanced five new members and welcomed Bro Bob Oddy as a joining member. Three of the newest members, Neil Jones- Lumby, Tom Sprawson, and Mike Jefferys took part by explaining the Working Tools and delivering sections of the Mark Tracing Board. The official visitor, W.Bro. Terry Carpenter headed up the team of Deacons who skilfully managed the team of workmen around the lodge. The ceremony was delivered by W.Bro. Mike Neville in his usual northern style!



The Festive Board had a patriotic St George's Day theme and Bro Mike Price brought the SE London Army Cadet Corps of Drums to give an excellent display. W.Bro. Kevin Morrell, the Master, presented them with a cheque for £200 and thanked all the brethren and guests for a fantastic day.

Thanks to Mike Neville

A Daily Advancement at Warlingham Lodge

Warlingham Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges met at Nutfield Masonic Centre on Monday 12th May and in the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, W. Bro. Steve Butcher was proclaimed as Master for the ensuing year. All Lodge Officers will remain in post.

In the Mark Degree, we received a very interesting paper from W. Bro Roy Baker entitled 'a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge'. It was first delivered in India in 2004 and its main thread was how inextricably bound together are the Craft, Chapter and Mark.

It helped to give a better understanding of how the separate parts of our great Brotherhood are linked and fit together. W. Bro. Roy is the Master elect and will be Installed on 1st December this year.



Thanks to Bill Barr



An Executive Visit to Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge

In February W.Bro. John Massey, Assistant Provincial Grand Master visited the installation meeting of Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge.

He was warmly welcomed by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Geoff Nickson.

The main item on the agenda was to Install W.Bro. Steve Harvey as Worshipful Master. This was done in a very sincere manner.

W.Bro. Steve was afterwards congratulated by the Assistant Provincial Grand Master who wished him an enjoyable year in the chair of Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Surrey Mark Brethren who received appointment or Promotion in Grand Rank in Craft and Royal Arch in April.



Stephen Dingvean of Woodgrange Mark Lodge No 1111 received a Promotion to **PAGDC**, and Chris Eley of Richmond Mark Lodge No 808 received a First Appointment to **PAGStB**.



Also present were other Mark Masons, including our Pro Grand Master, MW.Bro. John H Prizeman.



The following day at Supreme Grand Chapter James Hill of Richmond Mark Lodge No 808 and Paul Wicking of Woodgrange Mark Lodge No 1111 received a First Appointment to **PGStB**. A double for Richmond and Woodgrange Lodges.

A Candidate for St Andrew's Lodge

In March, St Andrew's Lodge No 806 had a Candidate for Advancement. Unfortunately, although they have twenty-one members, only five were able to attend. In the end the Lodge had fourteen visitors and a superb ceremony. It did take some ringing round for support, but the Provincial Executive saved the day. That fourteen comprised a real treat for our Candidate.



The acting Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Bill Barr, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, welcomed our Provincial Grand Master and he was saluted in the usual manner. Minutes were presented and approved, and we even managed to continue with our efforts to create another Honorary Member, W. Bro Brian Tout. He does find it difficult these days to attend but we were reminded of his support to the lodge when he was a more able man.

The ceremony is always fascinating, not only in its execution but in the way it affected the person at the centre of our meeting, the Candidate. Our Registrar of Marks had very kindly offered to be DC and he conducted the new man round the lodge in a relaxed manner with humour coming through, especially in the second part of the ceremony. Yours truly made a passable job as Senior Overseer but was glad to leave the lengthier part of the ceremony to the Worshipful Master and our Provincial Grand Master.

The event was successfully completed, and we proceeded to the Festive Board.



The top table was made up of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and our Past Provincial Grand Master.

Our Candidate was surrounded with the best we could offer, and our Worshipful Master kept him company.

As usual at the Farnham Masonic centre, it was a very reasonably priced menu, well cooked, well-presented, and served with humour and a smile.

The raffle brought a smile to several faces and swelled our coffers to a sensible degree.

You should come and visit us in October to see our two new boys in action and enjoy our hospitality. You will be made most welcome.



Thanks to Michael Fenech



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

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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:
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**10am
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• **FOOD ON SITE**

• **BEER TENT**

• **CHARITY
RAFFLE**

• **STALLS**

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Bond of Friendship Lodge & Allied 64

The First Mark & Allied

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22nd August 2025



Glenmore House, The Crescent, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 4BN

(Lots of Free Parking at rear)

7pm for 7.30pm

Bucks Fizz (on arrival)

3 Course Meal

Ladies Gift

Raffle

Disco & Dancing until Midnight

£65 pp

Dress: Men Black tie, Ladies Ball Gown / Cocktail Dress

RWBro John French, PGM will be in attendance



Surrey Mark Cha Di Da 2025

Double Room
£129

B & B (optional)

£63
pp



DINNER

Arrival
6.30pm
for 7pm

Carriages
Midnight

Dance Party

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER
Reigate Manor Hotel - Reigate Hill

Dancing: Ricky Zalex (West End Stage Singer) + Alan Lovell (Swinging Blue Jeans)

3 Course Meal • Charity Raffle • Party Surprises

Contact: W.Bro Alan Brockwell - e: brockers01@icloud.com

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See website for details - booking form - menu choices