



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 25th of September 2025.



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.

First was the meeting of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Mik Barnes, R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed the present and past members of the Executive and our honoured guests.





W.Bro. Michael Sharpling was elected a joining member of the Lodge and W.Bro. Harry Beal an honorary member, W.Bro. Ray Seeley was elected Worshipful Commander and W.Bro. David Barden was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Worshipful Commander then gave a very informative talk entitled 'The Origin of the Royal Ark Mariner Degree', which was well received.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting while some went back to the bar



A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, V.W.Bro. Ray Seeley, Provincial Grand Treasurer, who welcomed the many guests and visitors, which included members of the Provincial Executive present and past, and guests from other Provinces.



A ballot was taken for W.Bro. Mocky Khan, an Oxfordshire Mark Mason, which proved in his favour. W.Bro. Mocky was welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, and into the Province by our Provincial Grand Master.

The Lodge Banner was then paraded, and the Junior Warden, W.Bro. Roger Chapman, explained the history of the Banner.

V.W.Bro. Bill Barr, P.G.J.O., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was then installed in the Chair of the Lodge by V.W.Bro. Ray Seeley in a very sincere manner. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his Officers.



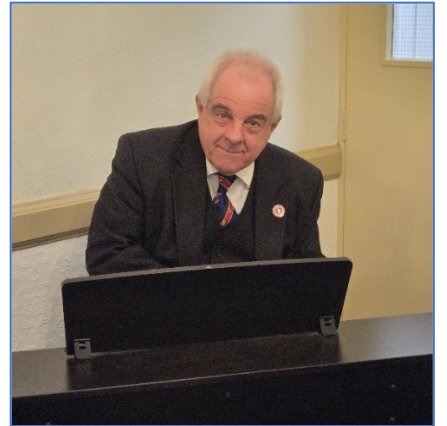
V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie presented the Keystone Jewel to the Worshipful Master. The Address to the Master was given by R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Paul Wicking; to the Overseers by V.W.Bro. Chris Cradock; and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. John French.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and our R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the newly installed Worshipful Master retired in procession.



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





Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey

In September 2025 the Installation meeting of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey No 1726 was held at the Croydon Masonic Hall.



After opening the Lodge, the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. David Thompson, P.Prov.G.J.W., had much pleasure in welcoming the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, and offered him the gavel.

The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Worshipful Master for the courtesy and returned it to him as he would be doing some work later on.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master was then saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Les Smith.

The Worshipful Master welcomed our many guests and visitors, members of the Provincial Executive present and past, and several guests from other Provinces.

A ballot was taken for a joining member, W.Bro. Andrew Banks. This proved in his favour, and he was escorted to the Worshipful Master to be welcomed into the Lodge and presented with a copy of the By-Laws.



The Lodge Banner was paraded, and the Junior Warden explained the history of the Banner.

The RW Provincial Grand Master was then invited to install the Master Elect, W.Bro. David Barden, **P.G.S.D.**

R.W.Bro. Peter Rubie-Todd was invited to occupy the Senior Warden's Chair, V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie the Junior Warden's Chair and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley to act as Inner Guard.



W.Bro. David was installed as Worshipful Master in a very sincere and enjoyable manner by R.W.Bro. John French.

W.Bro. Bill Caughie, **P.G.J.D.**, a Past Master of the Lodge, invested the Worshipful Master with the 150th Anniversary Keystone Jewel and the Officers of the Lodge were appointed



The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, to the Wardens by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, to the Overseers by W.Bro. Terry Carpenter, and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. John French.

The Worshipful Master then gave an interesting talk on his life, which was

well received. After the Lodge was closed the Worshipful Master, accompanying the RW Provincial Grand Master, retired in procession under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.



After the customary photos the Brethren retired to the bar. The members of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey and their many guests dined together in perfect harmony honouring loyal and Masonic toasts.

Richmond Mark Lodge



The installation meeting of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Surbiton on Monday the 13th of October. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie, P.G.J.O., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and several Provincial Officers of the year.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Fleetwood, P.G.J.D. P.Prov.G.S.W., who welcomed everyone to the meeting. R.W.Bro. Michael F Barnes, P.G.J.W., Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, an Honorary Member was saluted with 7 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. James Hill. R.W.Bro. Mik responded accordingly.



The Lodge then received and welcomed V.W.Bro. William A (Bill) Caughie, P.G.J.O., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and the Provincial Officers of the year. V.W.Bro. Bill was saluted with 5 under the direction of W.Bro. Andrew Carr, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.



V.W.Bro. Bill introduced the Officers who had accompanied him, thanking them for their support, spoke about some of the current Provincial initiatives, took the minutes and vacated the Chair as the Lodge had some work to do,



The Lodge Banner was then paraded, and the Junior Warden, Bro. Tony Mullard, explained the history of the Banner.

The main item of the afternoon was to install Bro. Allan Steele as Worshipful Master for 2025/26. After thanking the Officers of his year W.Bro. John Fleetwood invited W.Bro. John Fitzgerald, G.Stwd., to conduct the Ceremony of Installation.

R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes was invited to occupy the Senior Warden's Chair, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley to occupy the Junior Warden's Chair and W.Bro. Andrew Banks to act as Inner Guard.

W.Bro. John Fitzgerald Installed Bro. Allan Steele in an excellent manner. The Working Tools were presented by W.Bro. Andrew Banks.

The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley; the Address to the Wardens and to the Overseers was given by R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes; and to the Brethren by V.W.Bro. Bill Caughie. W.Bro. Allan Steele was congratulated by our Assistant Provincial Grand Master who wished him a successful and enjoyable year as Master of Richmond Lodge.



The Worshipful Master invited V.W.Bro. Chris Eley to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Brother Neil Gareth Jones-Lumby. This he did in a very interesting manner highlighting where the Mark Degree sits within pure Ancient Freemasonry.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last meeting V.W.Bro. Chris Eley proposed that W.Bro. John Fleetwood, P.G.J.D., P.Prov.G.S.W., be made an Honorary Member of the Lodge in recognition of all he has done for the Lodge over the past 30 years. This was seconded by W.Bro. Bill Preston and carried with acclaim.

After the regular business of the Lodge was completed, the Lodge was closed and, after the customary photographs, we all retired to the bar for refreshments.



The Brethren of Richmond Mark Lodge and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall where, as is the usual custom, Brethren of the Allied Masonic Degrees wore their AMD napkins.





Bond of Friendship Royal Ark Mariner Meeting

Bond of Friendship held a packed Royal Ark Mariner meeting at Croydon in September. And as it was their stand alone meeting the full focus was on this wonderful Order. Nearly forty brethren were in the Temple.

The meeting was opened by the Commander, Mark Tatum who welcomed the two senior guests- R.W.Bro. John French, the Provincial Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council.

W.Bro. Mike Neville then took the Chair and installed W Bro Trevor Raymond as the new Worshipful Commander, who then appointed his new officers. Trevor had no time to rest as three candidates were waiting to board the Ark.



The new Commander obligated the candidates, Brothers Calvin Townsend, Tom Sprawson and David Gilmore, who were expertly led around the lodge by three Deacons headed by Bro. Wayne Gibbs.

A highlight of the evening was the work of the new brethren. including Bro. Nick Tamila as Guardian and Bro. Yusef Mills, who explained the signs and secrets, both at only their second RAM meeting.

Then came a most important part of the day - the Provincial Grand Master presented W.Bro. Harry Winter with his 50 years RAM certificate. Harry has featured on television recently as he is a 104 year old RAF veteran. W.Bro. Neville proposed this wonderful Mason as an Honorary Member, and this was warmly greeted with acclaim.

But the afternoon was not over... W.Bro. Bob Soper had provided nautical music throughout the morning, and this continued at the Festive Board. W.Bro. Neville had rewritten sea shanties for the occasion, including "What do we do with a drunken Noah??" And to top it off, the TS Trafalgar London Sea Cadet Band, helped by their instructor Bro. Mike Jefferys, entertained the Lodge with Hearts of Oak, Life on the Ocean Wave. and other naval tunes.



This particularly pleased W.Bro. Steve Dingvean who had been a member of the band in his youth (prior to Trafalgar??). Indeed, so impressed was Steve, that he sang The Wild Rover in fine voice with the brethren adding the chorus.



The Provincial Grand Master praised the proceedings and congratulated the Lodge on its continued growth. The next Bond of Friendship meeting is the Mark installation on

Saturday the 22nd of November and the theme will be Remembrance. A great day is promised.

Thanks to Mike Neville

High Five at Bond of Friendship!

Earlier in the year, 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 Worshipful Master, presented them with a cheque for £200 and thanked all the brethren and guests for a fantastic day.

Thanks to Mike Neville

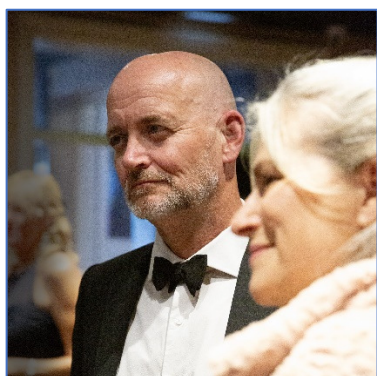
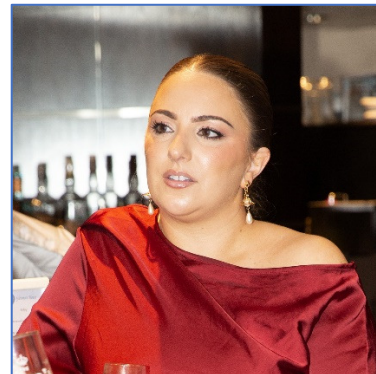
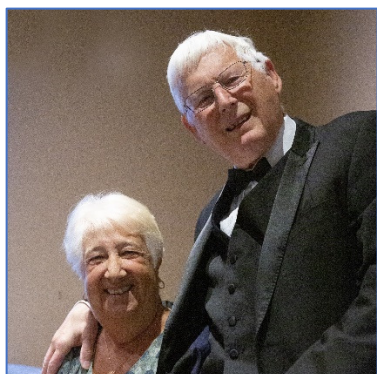


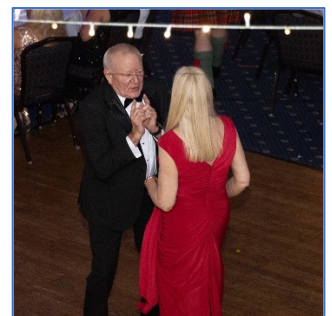


Bond of Friendship Mark Lodge and Surrey AMD Council



A very successful combined Mark and Allied Masonic Degree Ladies Night was held at Glenmore House, Surbiton on Friday the 22nd of August 2025. In attendance was the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey and the District Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, District of Surrey, R.W.Bro. John French.





My Mediterranean Visit.

Now here is a question for you, dear reader. What country is fourteen miles by seventeen miles and has a population of over 600,000 thousand people? Not too difficult if you know where I go twice a year with members of Surrey Mark Masonry. The George Cross Island! Yes, Malta.

As you may be aware, I obtained Maltese citizenship a couple of years ago and visit the island twice a year, as I am a member of Count Roger of Normandy Lodge No. 3 which is under the jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta.

This April, we landed at a rather windy Luqa airport. The Customs Officer asked me why I wasn't using my Maltese passport and I apologised, mentioning that it was at the bottom of my rucksack and there was a queue behind me. A wry smile let me through, and I was pleased to see my cousin who whisked myself and W.Bro. Barrie Selway off to the Preluna Hotel in Sliema.

We stay there and also in Valletta from time to time. We had two evenings booked for Masonry on this visit. This time, we would not be attending UGLE freemasonry in Valletta, but our first visit was to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta Westin Dragonara, St Julians, for the semi-annual Convocation and Dinner. We went to our Sliema sports bar and watched a game of UK football together with a rather large bowl of chips.

On the next morning, as tour guide, I invited W.Bro. Barrie to, once again, watch the firing of the midday cannon on the Upper Barrakka. We had seen it on a previous occasion but this time we went down to the level where the cannons were, listened to the uniformed guide and, at midday, got the best shot of the firing. If you look carefully, there are TWO soldiers, one in the cannon smoke.

The Grand Harbour also boasted a cruise liner berthed alongside. I had read of the recent opening of the Palace and Armoury so off we went and, after a cooling beverage, at the Café Cordina, we entered the Palace and Armoury. Wow! There was everything from the implements used in the early battles in Malta to the end of the great siege and after a complete history of the Knights of Malta and their developing equipment. It was so well presented, beautifully displayed and absolutely engaging. I even managed to find Barrie a suit of armour!



After a brief sit-down, we went to the rooms, walking down marbled floors, saw the Presidents reception room and other fascinating areas. on the next day, we went for a cruise! No not on that big ship but a twenty-minute crossing to the island of Gozo.

We had a drink in Vittoriosa, the capital, and caught a very reasonably priced Uber to the Basilica of Ta Pinu. Saw a wedding where the bride arrived in Rolls Royce Silver Shadow and then returned to the ferry. Back in Valletta we saw the culmination of a Fireworks Festival.



Now to our Masonic element. Saturday evening saw the Consecration of an Albanian Lodge with interpreter in the Grand Temple, and a most moving announcement by the Grand Master that a gift of some 30,000 Euros to the widow of a former officer of Grand Lodge to her family.

We also had the opportunity of enjoying a fascinating audio-visual presentation of an Italian musician's interpretation of Craft Masonry through the medium of Earth Wind and Fire. He composed everything himself from the scenes to music which he performed alongside the photography. That was so entrancing.

The next item on the agenda was the arrival of a paraplegic Maltese man and his words of thanks to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta for all the help he had received over the past months. It was so moving. After that emotional meeting we retired to dinner. On our table were a Lieutenant-Colonel medic, an American and his lovely lady and, amazingly so, a chap I had met in Farnborough when I contacted Malta to join freemasonry. What an evening! I am so looking forward to my November visit and the full Convocation.

Our next meeting was the final meeting of the season for my Craft lodge, Count Roger of Normandy. Barrie was asked to present the First Degree Working Tools for the Initiate, and I sat back and smiled. No, I didn't. "Michael will you be Junior Warden?" asked the IPM. Very Mark. But what a great evening at our new HQ set in a villa in Paola just outside the capital. Roll on November 2025.

Thanks to Michael Fenech

Statue of St Lawrence the Martyr, one of the Allied Masonic Degrees





Remembrance Sunday

9th November



Remembrance Sunday falls on the 9th of November this year. To commemorate this there will be a Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church in Guildford where Mark Masons, family and friends are invited.

LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Sunday

9th November 2025



Brethren should be seated in Holy Trinity Church at the top of the High Street at 9:15 – 9:30, the service starts at 10:00 prompt.

There will be a procession from the Guildhall led by the Scouts, Girl Guides, Cubs, Brownies; followed by the Mayor of Guildford and the Aldermen (& women) into the church.

There will be a short service, then the parade to the War Memorials will be formed up in the upper High Street before moving off to the Memorials which are situated at the bowling green at the top of Tunsgate next to the Castle, where the act of remembrance is followed by the wreath laying.

It would be nice if we could have a large Masonic presence. V.W.Bro. Richard Knox will be laying a wreath on behalf of Surrey Freemasons, and our Provincial Grand Master will join him representing Surrey Mark.

Dress code preferred for Remembrance Sunday is smart, jacket and Provincial Tie (Craft or Mark to match regalia being worn). The only regalia to be worn is collars or chains (Grand, Provincial or Lodge Collar), Craft, Royal Arch or Mark.



A Blue Light Services Lodge

There is a plan within the Province to open a Mark Lodge for members of the Armed Forces and Blue Light Services, present and past. If you would be interested in becoming a joining member, then please contact Phil Clare at pc.clare@me.com

Are you, or have you served in the Armed Forces or Blue Light Services?

Are you a Mark Master Mason or have thought about joining?

Join us in this exciting new opportunity to create a Mark "Service" Lodge in Surrey.

Contact Phil Clare at pc.clare@me.com



Provincial Officers' Mess Wine tour and lunch at Denbies

As most are aware, the Mess AGM has been moved so as not to be too near the welcome/thank you evening for new/old Provincial Officers, which is sponsored by the Provincial Officers' Mess. Next year, this social evening will fall on **Friday 27th March** (that being the fourth Friday in March). The Provincial Grand Master is very keen on this get together which takes place soon after the Annual Meeting of the Province. **Please save the date.**

The date of the AGM has been moved to the second Friday in September, next year (2026) this will be on the **11th of September**. **Please save the date!**

Because there will be no Officers' Mess Autumn social event this year, it would be good if as many as possible could get together socially and V.W.Bro. Bill Barr has booked a wine tour and lunch at Denbies on **Friday 21st November**. The cost is £45 per head and wives and partners are welcome as are Craft Masons and non-masons.

Tickets are limited and we do not have exclusivity. We are aware of ten bookings thus far so please consider booking this Mess event, at which we also hope to attract potential members for the Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge.





**Mark
Provincial
Swimathon
2026**

MARK PROVINCIAL SWIMATHON 2026

Chief Swimmer - VWBro Bill Barr, DepProvGM

Set your own target

Medals for children taking part

Raise funds for local charities

Supporters & cheerleaders welcome

Join the brethren for lunch afterwards

Sunday 18th January 10.30am

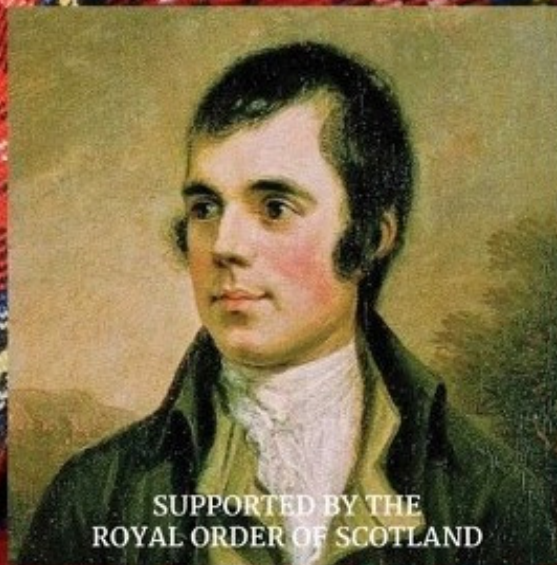
Guildford Spectrum Pool GU1 1UP

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Surrey Mark Masons' Burns Night Charity Dinner

At Surbiton Masonic Hall, 6 The Crescent, Surbiton,
Surrey, KT6 4BN on Saturday 24th January 2026.

Pipers, Procession
Address to the Haggis,
plus Burns Toasts



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Dining: 6.30pm for 7pm
DressCode:
Highland Dinner Jacket
or Lounge Suit
Ladies - Posh Frocks
(anything in the Scottish
theme appreciated).

MENU

Haggis, Tatties and Neeps, with a nip.
Glenmore Sorbet

Roast Rib of Grassfed Scottish Beef, Traditional Yorkshire Pudding,
Duck Fat Roasted Potatoes,
French Beans and Carrots with a Rich Maderia Jus
Scottish Raspberry Cheesecake
Fairtrade Filter Coffee or Tea and a macaroon

Cost: £55 per person.

Open to the Ladies, Friends and Family, Non Masons.

Please support our raffle and bring along prizes.

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