



Weald of Surrey Lodge



The Installation meeting of the Weald of Surrey Royal Ark Mariner Lodge was held at Sutton on Thursday, the 9th of October 2025. The Lodge was honoured by a visit from W.Bro. John Rollason, the representative of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.



The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Jeff Flint, who welcomed everyone especially their Visiting Officer, W.Bro. John.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed W.Bro. Len Hillier was installed as Worshipful Commander in a very personal way by W.Bro. Geoff. I acted as Junior Warden. The Worshipful Commander appointed and invested his officers, the lodge was closed and the temple rearranged for the Mark meeting that followed.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Alan Boniface who welcomed W.Bro. John Rollason, P.Prov.G.J.D. W.Bro. John said how good it was to be visiting Weald of Surrey Lodge again.



After the regular business for the Lodge was completed, the members of the Lodge on their guests rehearsed part of the Advancement Ceremony. Once again I acted as Junior Warden. As well as being good fun the brethren agreed it was a very useful thing to do. The lodge was closed and, after photographs, we made our way to the bar before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together.



H A Mann Lodge

Meetings of the H A Mann Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges were held at Sutton on Friday, the 7th of November 2025. The Lodges were to be honoured by a visit from W.Bro. Alan Boniface, the representative of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.



The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Mick Brundle, who welcomed everyone.

The main item on the agenda was to ballot for Elevation into the Lodge, and if elected and present, to Elevate Bro. David Charnley, a member of Rutlish Lodge No. 4416. This proved in his favour and Bro. Dave was elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner by the Worshipful Commander and his Officers.

I acted as Junior Warden, which was a great pleasure, as I had been involved in all three of Dave's Craft ceremonies; as

MEZ, I Exalted him into the Royal Arch, and also assisted with his Mark Advancement ceremony.

Bro. Dave was welcomed into H A Mann Lodge by the Worshipful Commander. The lodge was closed and the temple rearranged for the Mark meeting that followed.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Mick Brundle who welcomed everyone, especially W.Bro. Alan Boniface, their official visitor.



After a short business meeting the lodge was closed and, after photographs, we made our way to the bar before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together.



A new Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Kent



Saturday the 27th of September was a special day in the history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Kent when W.Bro. Martyn Brian Summers was installed as their new Provincial Grand Master by Right Worshipful Brother Professor Denovan Keith Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, in the presence of Right Worshipful Brother Peter D Williams, Assistant Grand Master, their Past Provincial Grand Master.



We received a very warm welcome from the brethren of the Province of Kent. There were many guests present, including many Right Worshipful Brethren from other Provinces, and Heads of other Orders in Kent.



The meeting was called to order to receive the Right Worshipful Brethren and other honoured guests. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form by the Presiding Officer, R.W.Bro. Archibald Iain Torrance, Past Provincial Grand Master.



The Installing Officer, accompanied by his Assisting Officers, entered in procession, assumed the Chair and appointed his officers.

He was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and addressed the Brethren on the purpose of the meeting.

The Installing Officer directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire and ascertain that the Provincial Grand Master Designate, W.Bro. Martyn Brian Summers, was in attendance.



The Grand Director of Ceremonies and certain appointed Brethren retired in procession and re-entered the Lodge and introduced the Provincial Grand Master Designate.

The Installing Officer called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment following he addressed the Provincial Grand

Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office to which he has been appointed and enquired if he was ready and willing to undertake those duties.

After the Grand Chaplain had offered a prayer, the Installing Officer directed the Provincial Grand Master Designate to advance and take a solemn obligation. The Provincial Grand Master Designate was invested and installed in the Chair by the Installing Officer and proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested V.W.Bro. Perri Ahmet, **P.G.J.O.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and V.W.Bro. Gregory Dunham, **P.G.J.O.**, and W.Bro. Paul Stephen Christopher, Prov.G.J.W., as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the By-Laws of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Provincial Grand Master for his confirmation. The Provincial Grand Master addressed the Installing Officer thanking him and his team for making this such a special day for the Mark Province of Kent. The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers retired in procession.



After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been completed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master had much pressure in presenting the Kent Mark Meritorious Award to W.Bro. David Bardon, **P.G.S.D., R.A.M.G.R.**, for his devoted and outstanding services to the Province and to his Mark and RAM Lodges.

He then appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year. He briefly addressed Provincial Grand Lodge, thanking everyone for attending in such numbers to support the Province.

He said that because of time constraints he was unable to welcome everyone individually but thanked the brethren from the

other Provinces for their hospitality whenever he or his team had visited.

He congratulated all those he had appointed or promoted that day, wishing them an enjoyable year in office. He ended by thanking the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for all their hard work in ensuring that the day was such a success.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form and the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master retired in procession greeting the Right Worshipful Brethren and Honoured Guests on their way out.





We were then invited to a drinks reception where we had another opportunity to catch up with old friends.



The Brethren of the Province of Kent and their guests enjoyed a convivial meal together.







Weyside Lodge



On Friday 3rd October Weyside Lodge kicked off their new Masonic season in fine style at Guildford Masonic Centre. It held a short Royal Ark Mariner meeting ahead of what was billed as the main event of the evening.

It has been a strengthening time for Weyside over the past couple of years, with what seems like a regular stream of candidates at each meeting, which is fantastic to see for the Mark Order in general and for Weyside in particular and this evening was no exception.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Alick Stevenson, opened the Lodge and we were able to warmly welcome our new Visiting Officer, V.W.Bro. Stephen Berkshire, P.G.J.O., who was spending his first evening with us.



The Brethren of Weyside Lodge were then pleased to be able to conduct the Advancement ceremony for not one, but two candidates in the persons of Bro. Jazz Singh & Bro. Stephen Barney, who thoroughly enjoyed their evening, handling the nuances of the ceremony well.

A special mention must go to our 'super sub' Secretary, W.Bro. Richard Collinson, who performed the Senior Deacon duties wonderfully, along with W.Bro. Gary Raggett, Prov.G.J.O., who gave a superb explanation of the signs to our candidates.

Bro. Paul Silvester was presented with his Grand Lodge Certificate by our very own Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John Massey.

During the Risings, two Brethren from Bond of Friendship Lodge 1576, Brothers Mike Jeffreys & Tom Sprawson stood to lay their claim for the 'Travelling Keystone', which Weyside had secured at the Annual Meeting. In a moment of shock for all, this was met by a counter challenge by two other Brothers in attendance, but in a gracious show of sportsmanship, the challenge was withdrawn in view of the fact that they had previously held the Keystone and felt it deserving of going to pastures new.

A fine festive board was held and it was during this that Bro. Mike Jeffreys presented our newly Advanced Brothers with Member's pin badges for the Keystone Club, the Province's newest initiative which looks to encourage Mark Master Masons to come together in both a Social and Masonic setting and build on the ever present value of Brotherly Love.



After the usual toasts and responses, the evening came to an end and the Brethren left in fine spirits and with the paperwork for another Advancement being filled in as we write, as well as a proposal for a Joining Member, February looks like another busy evening for all of those in Weyside Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 442.



Thanks to Colin Mander

Coulsdon Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons

Thursday the 23rd of October the meeting of Coulsdon Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1268 in Croydon proved to be a memorable evening for a number of reasons. W.Bro Phil Clare was installed into the Chair of Adoniram by R.W.Bro John French, the Provincial Grand Master. They have both gone a long way since their first appointments in Surrey Mark in 2007 where they were both appointed as active Deacons.



However, this installation marked the 50th time W.Bro. Phil had been the Master of a masonic unit, so it seemed appropriate that our Provincial Grand Master installed him to mark this milestone. It is worth mentioning that the Worshipful Master of Coulsdon Loyalty sadly died some 10 months ago, so W.Bro. Phil had been covering the Worshipful Master role.



R.W.Bro John said, "Phil & I have been friends for many years, our masonic careers did take us to different locations & both have become rulers in our respective counties. However, we do always catch & meet regularly in Surrey Mark. W.Bro Phil is a highly respected & experienced Mason & I wish, on behalf of the members of Surrey, to congratulate him on reaching this amazing milestone, well done Phil, & as Arnold Long is a member of Coulsdon Loyalty Lodge, it must be 50 not out!"



W.Bro. Phil explained "It was never my intention to even consider reaching this milestone & I am probably in a very small club of masons to achieve this. I am a member of many orders & units & It is always my intention, if possible, to attain the chair of that unit. Over my 35yrs of being a Freemason, I just seem to have been in the right (or may be wrong place) at the right time. There is a certain irony that on the Saturday previous to this meeting, I installed my successor in my school lodge, so for 5 days I was not the master of any masonic unit, which is probably the first time in 20yrs this has happened!"



W.Bro. Phil has been in the chair of Craft Lodges x 8, Chapter x 5, Mark x 7, RAM x 7, OSM x 7, AMD x 3, RSM x 5, RCC x 1, KT x 1, KM x 1, SC x 1, KTP x 1, Rose Croix x 2 & KBHC x 1

Thanks to Phil Clare

A Donation to Age Concern



W. Bro. John Bryant presenting a cheque for £200 from Table Fellowship Mark Lodge to Age Concern - Merstham Redhill and Reigate.



They rely heavily on the support they receive from local volunteers and members of the local community. An independent local charity they have been helping older people of the borough for over 60 years. It's aims are to promote the well-being of all locals over the age of 55 and help them to live independently in their homes.

Support for the Community



Nigel and Stuart recently visited Sutton Lodge Day Centre, which they do every 3-4 weeks.



Sutton Lodge Day Centre is run by The Sutton Old Peoples Welfare Committee Charity.

Their aim is to combat loneliness and isolation and help our older community keep active and social by offering a drop in day centre service, providing a two course hot meal and lots of activities.

They also provide a meals on wheels service in conjunction with Sutton Council for the over 60s in the Sutton area.

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

WBro Mike Neville mrmikeneville@aol.com or 07415 634613

Surrey Mark Masons' **Burns Night Charity Dinner**

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

Dinner: 6.30pm to 7pm
Dress Code: Highland Dinner, Jacket or Lounge Suit
Ladies: Post Frock (anything in the Scottish theme appreciated).

Pipers, Procession
Address to the Haggis,
plus Burns Toasts

SUBMITTED BY THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

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 Madeira 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.

BACS payments to: Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund.
Sort Code: 30-93-74 Acc No. 02602788. Use "BURNS" followed by Surname as reference.

Cheques payable to: Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund,
send to: John Coleman,
23 Glaziers Lane,
Guildford, Surrey GU3 2DE.

Further details from: john.t.coleman@btinternet.com Tel: 07879408187
www.surreymarkmasons.org

Details of both events can be found on the Companion Orders web site – Mark Events page: [Companion Orders of Surrey - Events](#)



LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance Sunday

9th November 2025



Mike in Shrewsbury for Remembrance Sunday and laying a wreath as Commandant, Shropshire ACF. The Memorial is to the fallen of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry in the Boer War. These were comrades of Mike's great-grandfather who served with the KSLI in that conflict and WW1.



Len and Norman at St Martin's Church, Epsom



Remembrance Sunday at Guildford where John French and Richard Knox laid wreaths on behalf of Surrey Freemasons.



We were delighted to see our very own Harry Winter on parade at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance.

Congratulations to Harry and Joe Winter on their 75th wedding anniversary.

Harry and Joe got married in 1950 only five years after the end of WWII. Residents and staff at James Terry Court joined them for cake, a toast, and heartfelt thanks from loved ones



Mark Benevolent Fund supports Rays of Sunshine to bring comfort to seriously ill Children



The Mark Benevolent Fund is delighted to have recently contributed to the remarkable work of Rays of Sunshine, supporting their initiative to provide sensory bags to seriously ill children at Evelina London Children's Hospital.

President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark and Deputy Grand Secretary for MMH, W.Bro. Alan Brumwell, had the pleasure of visiting the hospital for the cheque presentation, where they witnessed firsthand the impact of this generous project. The visit offered an

opportunity to see the sensory bags in person and to learn more about how they bring comfort, joy, and meaningful support to children undergoing hospital treatment.

Rays of Sunshine expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the support, emphasising that the Fund's generosity has made a tangible difference in the lives of those receiving the sensory bags. The hospital services team was thrilled by the news, eager to begin the distribution, and looking forward to sharing further updates and photographs as the project progresses.

The Mark Benevolent Fund is proud to support initiatives like this, which improve the wellbeing of seriously ill children and provide invaluable assistance to organisations dedicated to their care. Through such contributions, the Fund continues its mission of fostering positive change in communities and supporting charitable causes that make a lasting difference.



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.

