



Most Worshipful Brother John Herbert Prizeman Pro Grand Master

It was with great sadness that we learnt that our well-beloved and highly respected Pro Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John Herbert Prizeman, passed to his eternal rest on the morning of 22 January 2026. at the age of 79.

M.W.Bro. John was a distinguished Freemason, holding high office in the Craft and Holy Royal Arch, as well as all of the Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and many of the other mainstream Companion Orders of Freemasonry.



He was
Advanced into
Chandler's Ford
Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1258 in
January 1986 and held a total of eight Grand
Ranks within the Mark.

Most notably Provincial Grand Master for
Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2007-2016;
President of the Mark Benevolent Fund 2014-
2015; Pro Grand Master since 2022 (having
previously held the Offices of Assistant and
Deputy Grand Master); and had been a
member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark
Council since 2016.

John had an infectious and unbounded
enthusiasm for Mark Masonry and spread the
'Magic of the Mark' and its associated
messages wherever he went and whenever he
had the opportunity. Not least when he
addressed a packed Grand Temple at
Freemasons' Hall at the Quarterly
Communication of UGLE in March 2024, the
first Mark Pro Grand Master ever to do so.
And he left the dais to a well-deserved and
lengthy standing ovation.

As such a genuine and approachable
gentleman and Brother there will be many
hundreds, if not thousands, of us who will
have fond recollections of time spent in John's
presence. While memory lasts, friends will
find eternal company.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to John's
wife Kay and their family.

**R.W.Bro. Daniel M Heath, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary**

A Surrey Tribute to our Pro Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother John H Prizeman was a good friend of the Province of Surrey. Our Provincial Grand Master and I had the pleasure of his company on many occasions, both at Mark Grand Lodge as well as many Provincial Grand Lodges.

As the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, he supported our 2022 MBF Festival Gala Dinner held at Brighton in July 2022.



In 2022 M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith, Pro Grand Master, indicated his wish to retire and stood down at the September Communication of Grand Lodge. In consequence of this, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master, as the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

His installation took place on the 13th of September 2022. R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer, **A.G.M.** was invested as Deputy Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson, **Prov.G.M.** for Durham was invested as Assistant Grand Master.



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday the 18th of March 2023 at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon, Surrey. At the meeting the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, installed V.W.Bro. John V C French as the eighteenth Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey.



The Provincial Grand Master addressed the M.W. Pro Grand Master thanking him and his team for making this such a special day, not only for himself but all the Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey. The Pro Grand Master said it was a delight to install R.W.Bro. John and wished him, and the Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey, every success for the future.

The Provincial Grand Master declared Provincial Grand Lodge called off and we retired for refreshments where the Pro Grand Master had the opportunity to meet with Heads of other Orders in Surrey.



We then sat down to lunch, which due to the large numbers dining had to be in two dining rooms at the Croydon Masonic Hall with a video link to the main dining room. There was a most convivial atmosphere in both rooms.

In proposing the toast to the Pro Grand Master our Provincial Grand Master presented M.W.Bro. John with a Surrey AMD napkin. In thanking R.W.Bro. John for his kind gesture the Pro Grand Master said that was more than he had received from his predecessor, R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey!!

The Pro Grand Master said how good it was to see Ian Chandler at the meeting and spoke about the indissoluble links between Craft Masonry and our Companion Orders, and how R.W.Bro. Jonathan Spence, P.G.S.W., Pro Grand Master of the Craft, had been invited to address the recent meeting of Mark Grand Lodge.

The Pro Grand Master and his team then retired from the dining room.



In January 2025 he attended the Centenary Meeting of the Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons to present the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Fleetwood, P.G.J.D., P.Prov.G.S.W., with our Centenary Warrant.



This was one of the few times a Pro Grand Master had visited a private Lodge in Surrey, a great honour for the Province and for the Lodge.

All the Brethren of the Lodge, and our visitors, remember fondly the way our Pro Grand Master went out of his way to speak to all the brethren, especially the newer members.



The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. John Fleetwood, 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, and the Province of Surrey.



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.

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 all wore their AMD napkins, which our Pro Grand Master was happy to do.