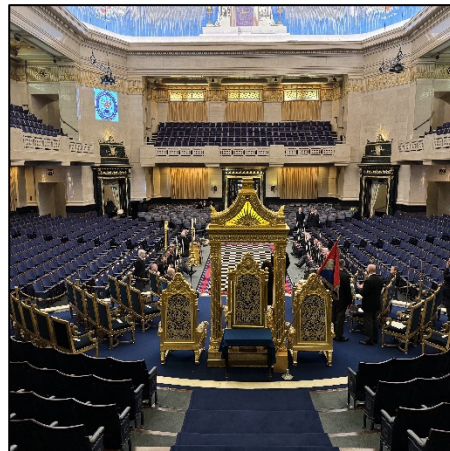




Mark Grand Lodge



On Tuesday the 10th of March 2026, over 800 Mark Brethren from across the Constitution arrived at Freemasons' Hall for the March Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge. R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson, Dep.G.M., was the Presiding Officer, assisted by R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer, as acting Dep.G.M., and R.W.Bro. Peter Williams, A.G.M.







The meeting was opened, and the Memoriam to Brethren called to higher service was undertaken, with M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Pro. Grand Master, at the forefront of everyone's thoughts.

Following further items of business, it was then time to Elect the Most Worshipful Grand Master. W.Bro. Mocky Khan, Prov.G.Swd.B. of the Province of Oxfordshire rose to propose the re-election of Most Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas.

This was seconded by the R.W.Bro. Bill Divall, P.G.J.W., President of the Mark General Board, and greeted with acclamation, and the Proclamation by the Grand Director of Ceremonies followed.



This was followed by a procession of representatives from this year's M.B.F. Festival Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight and, finally, representatives of the Grand Master's Keystone Fund Bursary Scheme along with some recipients.

We were then shown a video highlighting the work carried out by the M.B.F. in the Community during 2025



W.Bro. John Shervington then introduced the work of the GMKF and awards panel followed by W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald speaking on behalf of our Deputy Grand Secretary, Alan Brumwell, and his grandson, Frankie Brumwell, who has benefitted from a bursary from the fund and is showing great promise as a young Ice Hockey player. His skills were highlighted in the entertaining video that accompanied the words.

To round off the presentations, the presiding Officer thanked the representatives for attending and invited them to retire, which they did to loud acclamation. Grand Lodge was then called on.

The Presiding Officer then addressed Grand Lodge, mentioning once more the sad passing of M.W.Bro. John Prizeman and concluded by welcoming guests from other Constitutions, Brethren from overseas, and Heads of Orders. He then thanked W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D., Charities Manager, and the rest of the team at M.M.H. who had put so much work into the charitable side of the day's meeting. And the G.D.C. and his team for the ceremonial arrangements for the day.

With the other regular business then completed, it was time to call-off Grand Lodge as we embarked on what has become the highlight of the March meeting, a review of the work of the Mark Benevolent Fund over the past twelve months.

The processions into the Grand Temple began with the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund, including the President, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, carrying a cushion bearing the Portal jewel, reminding us of the ever-present legend of the M.B.F.'s Founder, Reverend Canon George Raymond Portal "he gives twice who gives promptly".



R.W.Bro. George Deacon, Prov.G.M. for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, was invited to talk about his Province's 2026 M.B.F. Festival and R.W.Bro. Ian Clark updated Brethren and guests on the success of the M.B.F. over the past 12 months and how to go about securing Petitions, Grants for Funding of Worthy Causes and the Grand Master's Keystone Fund Bursary Scheme.





The Brethren and our guests then gathered in great numbers at the Grand Connaught Rooms to share in the meal together.

The buzz around the dining hall paid testament to the thoroughly enjoyable time Brethren had experienced during this annual celebration of the fantastic achievements of the Mark Benevolent Fund

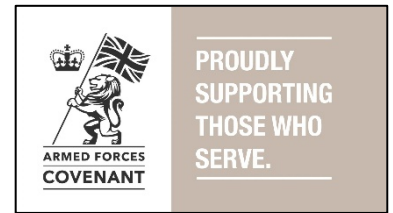
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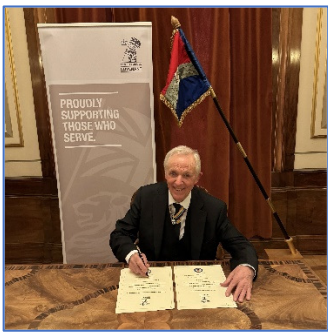
Armed Forces Covenant signed by Heads of Orders from Mark Masons' Hall

Before we opened Tuesday's March Communication of Mark Grand Lodge, a landmark event took place in the Grand Master's Robing Room at Freemasons' Hall, when the Rulers of all the Masonic Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall gathered for a mass signing of the Armed Forces Covenant.

This was an important occasion, as by signing this agreement individually for each Order we are now fully engaged in our commitment to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. In doing so, each Order has stated that we recognise the contribution that Service personnel, both regular and reservist, veterans and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country. This historic moment marks a proud step forward in our ongoing support for the Armed Forces and their families.



Photos by Chris Eley



Congratulations to W Bro Adrian Hawkins



On Thursday the 12th of March in Redwood Lodge No 3411, W. Bro. Adrian Hawkins of Noel Mark Lodge No. 505 received his 50 Year Craft Certificate from V.W. Bro. Robbie Dobbie, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.



Present to see W. Bro. Adrian receive his Certificate were his three sons and his Brother. A real Hawkins clan affair. Also present were 5 Brethren from Nonesuch Park Lodge No. 5059. and Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 808.



The Deputy Provincial Grand Master presented W. Bro. Adrian with his Certificate in a very personal way, thanking him for all he has done for Freemasonry over the last 50 years.



Woodgrange Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

In February 2026, Woodgrange Lodge No. 1111 had an installation ceremony in the Royal Ark Mariner Degree, and a presentation of an old Past Master's jewel in the Mark Degree.

The afternoon started off with a Royal Ark Mariners meeting where the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Adrian Brookman, welcomed the visitors, especially W.Bro. Garth Blanchard, Prov.R.A.M.G.R. the Lodge Official Visitor. W.Bro. Chris Eley was invited to act as Junior Warden.



Brother Simon Archbold was installed as Worshipful Commander in a very sincere manner by W.Bro. Adrian Brookman, ably assisted by W.Bro. Mick Clay, Prov.R.A.M.G.R. who gave the Address to the Commander.

W.Bro. Garth Blanchard congratulated W.Bro. Simon on his installation; and W.Bros. Adrian and Mick on the excellent ceremony. The Lodge was then closed



Woodgrange Lodge of Mark Master Masons



A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Simon Archbold, who welcomed the Official



Visitor. W.Bro. Garth Blanchard was saluted with 3 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Bert Pullen, and responded by saying how pleased he was to be making his first official visit to Woodgrange Lodge.



V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, **P.G.J.O.**, gave a moving tribute to M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro.G.M., and the brethren stood to order in memory of departed merit.

A ballot for Advancement was conducted in respect of Bro. John Foster, a member of



Lamborn Lodge No 9733. This proved in his favour and Brother John will be advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason at the next meeting.



W.Bro. Professor Mark Sharp, **P.G.Stwd.**, presented the Lodge with a Woodgrange Past Master's jewel which was presented to his late father, W.Bro. John Sharp, a member of Woodgrange Lodge from 1972 to 1993. This was received with grateful thanks.

After the Lodge was closed the customary photographs were taken and the Brethren of Woodgrange Lodge and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable meal at the Croydon Masonic





The Curfew Lodge



I do really enjoy my visits to this lodge. I am slowly getting acclimatised to my Guest Tyler status.



As is often the case, Royal Ark Mariners led the way, with my good friend, Worshipful Commander David Warren, in the chair and indeed he was to continue as the main man with the very able support of W.Bro. Michael Prentice as Treasurer. I was once again asked to continue in my guest role to which I was very pleased.

This business meeting was closed in due form and we closed with a few pics for the memory books, taken in good spirit.



The Curfew Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by W.Bro. John Cogger in his usual friendly, sincere and competent manner. We did start off in a sombre mood, remembering with affection the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, John Herbert Prizeman. A Hants Isle of Wight man known by many and respected by all.

A procession was formed at the appropriate point in the meeting and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Les Smith, led in

V.W.Bro. Bill Barr who was on his last visit as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He had kind words to say to all brethren as is his norm.

Bro. David Stevenson was the fortunate man to receive his Grand Lodge certificate from our Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Then W.Bro. John Cogger was proclaimed as Worshipful Master by W.Bro. Leslie Grout and he duly appointed his officers with me as guest Tyler for this group, thank you. The remainder of the meeting was taken up by the usual business of reports from the Charity Steward and the Almoner.

After the Lodge was closed we retired downstairs where drinks were provided courtesy of the Lodge, as is their custom. It was a good selection with the added tasties of crisps and salted nuts. All part of the convivial atmosphere for which this Lodge is well known.

The meal was excellent with an enjoyable fish cake starter followed by one of the best pork steaks I had tasted in a while. I even took to the beautifully presented desserts. The raffle was not so kind to me although W.Bro. David did collect a fine bottle of wine.





Then it was my turn to present the Tyler's Toast and I was helped long the way by this relaxed group of members. It's true....**happy to meet, sorry to part but happy to meet again.** I had such an enjoyable time in the company of W.Bros. Michael Prentice and Bernie Greenwood.

The next meeting is on Tuesday the 12th of May. Why not come and join me. Especially if you live in the vicinity. I will buy you a drink.

Thanks to Michael Fenech

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey requests the pleasure of your company at the

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Magic of the Mark

Surrey Provincial Greek Night

Saturday 20th June 2026

Arrival	Dinner
6:30pm	7:00pm

The Greek Vine Restaurant
Ross Parade, Wallington, SM6 8QF

Traditional meze ♦ Plate smashing ♦ Greek dancing ♦ Disco until late

PRICE	CAPACITY	DRESS CODE
£28 <small>per person (inc. gratuity)</small>	125 <small>places available</small>	Summer Casual <small>Cool and comfy</small>

Family, friends & prospective candidates all welcome

The Greek Vine is exclusively ours for the evening

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey requests the pleasure of your company at the

Surrey Mark Charity Ball

Saturday 24th October 2026

ARRIVAL	DINNER	CARRIAGES
6:30pm	7:00pm	Midnight

Wotton House Hotel & Country Estate
Guildford Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HS

Drinks reception ♦ Three-course dinner ♦ Entertainment ♦ Dancing

PRICE	DRESS CODE	PRESENTED BY
£89 <small>per person</small>	Black Tie <small>Lounge suit alternative welcome</small>	Surrey Mark Benevolent Fund

Family, friends & guests all warmly welcome

An evening of fine dining, entertainment and dancing at Wotton House