



The Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday the 21st of March at the Croydon and District Masonic Hall, Croydon. From 9.30 am the Brethren of the Province and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties while the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his team were busy rehearsing. It was good to catch up with old friends from the Province of Surrey and the other Provinces.







The meeting was called to order by W.Bro. Les Smith, **P.G.J.D.**, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year accompanying the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, who after a tribute was given in memory of departed Brethren, welcomed the distinguished guests of the Province and expressed his hope that all our guests would enjoy the hospitality of the Province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master also welcomed 11 newly advanced

brethren who were presented with a special lapel pin and a drinks voucher.

The Travelling Keystone was brought into Provincial Grand Lodge and was presented to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master commented that the Travelling Keystone had been prepared as an initiative to encourage visiting and promote the exchange of goodwill and fellowship between Lodges in the Province.



The Provincial Grand Master announced the appointment of W.Bro. John R Massey, **P.G.J.D.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and

appointed Brethren retired in procession and re-entered the Lodge and introduced the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate. The Provincial Grand Master called upon the Provincial Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment and then addressed the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate on the nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office. After the Provincial Grand Chaplain had offered a prayer, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Designate took his Obligation and was invested and installed in the Chair by the Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro. John Massey was then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master announced the appointment of W.Bro. Paul A Wicking, **P.G.J.D.** and V.W.Bro. Stephen J Berkshire, **P.G.J.O.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.



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After the Provincial Grand Chaplain had offered a prayer, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters Designate took their

Obligation and were invested and installed by the Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro. Paul Wicking and V.W.Bro, Stephen Berkshire were then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.





The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. In his Address he thanked everyone for their dedication, commitment, and enthusiasm to ensure that our Province continues to thrive. He reminded us to look after our Brethren who may not be attending meetings.

He thanked the Provincial Officers for their support, as well as the Provincial Grand Secretary and his team, as well as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his team, for all the hard work they have put in throughout the year, and for the preparations for today's successful meeting.

He then had much pleasure in presenting. W.Bro. Ian Small, the

Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, with a donation of £5,000 towards their 2026 MBF Festival. W.Bro. Ian thanked the Provincial Grand Master and the Brethren of Surrey for their generous donation. The meeting was called to order and closed in due form.

The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession to the echoing strains of Land of Hope and Glory played by W.Bro. Bob Soper, Prov.G.Org.



The members of the Provincial Executive greeted our Honoured Guests as they retired from Provincial Grand Lodge.







The Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey and their guests then retired to the bar.





After refreshments the Brethren of the Province of Surrey and their guests dined together in peace and harmony.







After the meal the Provincial Grand Master presented the Travelling Keystone to Rose Lodge as the Lodge with the highest percentage of members at the festive board.



The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John Massey, proposed the Toast to the Provincial Grand Master and gave him a gift of a road atlas as it seems the sat nav on his Tesla leads R.W.Bro. John French in the wrong direction!!!



The Provincial Grand Master thanked W.Bro. John and all the Brethren present and then proposed the Toast to the Visitors.



He especially welcomed R.W.Bro. Nick Burger, Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Surrey, and invited him to step forward to receive a donation of £2,000 to his 2030 Festival. R.W.Bro. Nick thanked the Provincial Grand Master and the Brethren of Surrey for their generous donation.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, and other distinguished Brethren then retired from the Festive Board



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 6:30pm | Dinner 7:00pm

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

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

PRICE £28 per person (inc. gratuity)	CAPACITY 125 places available	DRESS CODE Summer Casual Cool and comfy
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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 6:30pm | DINNER 7:00pm | CARRIAGES Midnight

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

Drinks reception ♦ Three-course dinner ♦ Entertainment ♦ Dancing

PRICE £89 per person	DRESS CODE Black Tie Lounge suit alternative welcome	PRESENTED BY Surrey Mark Benevolent Fund
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Family, friends & guests all warmly welcome

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