



## The Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey



A meeting of the Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Surrey No 1726 was held at The Surbiton Masonic Hall on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Present was our Provincial Grand Master, and members of the Provincial Executive, present and past.



The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. David Barden, **P.G.S.D.**, who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Master who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.



The Worshipful Master called on our Provincial Grand Master for a few words in respect of departed merit for M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman. V.W.Bro. Chris Eley then gave a tribute to V.W.Bro. Arnold Long and W.Bro. Adrian Kidney. The Brethren stood to order in respect of departed merit while the Chaplain gave a short prayer.

The Worshipful Master welcomed the members of the Provincial Executive, present and past, as well as Lodges in amity: the London Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, Essex Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, Bucks Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, and the Herts Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge.

W.Bro. Paul Wicking was declared as Master for the ensuing year and V.W.Bro. Richard Knox as Treasurer.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been concluded, the Worshipful Master invited W.Bro. Gary Raggett to give a most interesting and informative Lecture on the Degree of a Mark Master Mason. This was well received by those present.

The Lodge approved a proposition to donate £500 towards the Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2026 MBF Festival, and £100 towards the Pro Grand Master's Memorial.

The Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments.





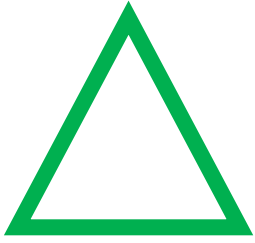
After refreshments we sat down to a most convivial meal at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey web site:

<https://www.surreycompanionorders.com/welcome-mark-master-masons>





# Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge of **Royal Ark Mariners** and **Mark Master Masons**



In February, Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Mark Master Masons were honoured by a visit from our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, and many Provincial Officers of the year.



The Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened by the acting Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Paul Haycock, R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Master.

It was a short business meeting with the main item on the agenda being to declare W.Bro. Andrew Bushe as Worshipful Commander, and W.Bro. Garry Lewis as Treasurer, for the ensuing year.



The Lodge was closed and the Temple rearranged for the Mark meeting that followed.

The Mark Lodge was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Paul Haycock, **P.A.G.St.B.**, P.Prov.G.S.W., who welcomed everyone wishing them an enjoyable meeting and festive board afterwards.

After a report on the door, W.Bro. James Hill, Prov.Dep.G.D.C., entered and advised the Worshipful Master that R.W.Bro. John French, Provincial Grand Master was outside and demanded admission.



The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master entered, was welcome by the Worshipful Master and took the Chair. He was saluted with seven under the direction of the Escorting Officer.

He said how good it was to be visiting Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge again, introduced the Provincial Officers who had accompanied him, thanking them for their support, and took the minutes.

The main item on then agenda was to install W.Bro. Wayne Lucas, P.Prov.G.Stwd.,



as Worshipful Master. This was done in an excellent manner by our Provincial Grand Master, assisted by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley who gave the Address to the Master; V.W.Bro. Richard Knox who gave the Address to the Wardens, and R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes who gave the Address to the Overseers. Our Provincial Grand Master gave the Address to the Brethren.

Afterwards our Provincial Grand Master congratulated W.Bro. Wayne, wishing him a successful and enjoyable year as Master of the Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge of Mark Master Masons.



# Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge



Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge No 1704 is the Provincial Lodge for the Treasurers, Secretaries and Directors of Ceremonies of the Lodges within the Province of Surrey. On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at Nutfield, Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge No 1704 hosted the President of the General Board, R.W.Bro. Bill Divall, P.G.J.W.



This was a great opportunity for all Surrey Mark Master Masons to come and hear the President of the General Board, ask questions and join the conversation

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Michael Prentive, P.G.St.B., P.Prov.G.J.W., who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Master, the President of the General Board, and the present and past Provincial Executive.



An In Memoriam was given for M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Pro Grand Master; and W.Bro. James McDougal Moyes, P.G.J.D., P.Prov.G.S.W. The brethren stood to order to remember departed merit.

W.Bro. Michael Fenech, P.Prov.G.J.O. was declared Worshipful Master, and V.W.Bro. Richard Knox, P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M., was declared Treasurer, for the ensuing year.



We then received a very informative talk from R.W.Bro. Bill Divall, on the General Board. Afterwards R.W.Bro. Bill took questions from the floor. Our Provincial Grand Master thanked R.W.Bro. Bill for his enlightening talk.



The Lodge was then closed and after photographs we retired for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Nutfield Masonic Centre.

*If you are a Lodge Treasurer, Secretary or DC then please think about joining. it will give you the opportunity to meet other Lodge Officers, the Provincial Executive, and to receive updates.*



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

**INAUGURAL**  
**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 9QF

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

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| PRICE<br>£28<br><small>per person (inc gratuity)</small> | CAPACITY<br>125<br><small>places available</small> | DRESS CODE<br>Summer Casual<br><small>Coat and cumfy</small> |
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*Family, friends & prospective candidates all welcome*

The Greek Vine is exclusively ours for the evening

**Magic of the Mark**  
**Greek Night**  
 Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June  
 2026 at The Greek Vine  
 Restaurant, Wallington

**Surrey Mark**  
**Charity Ball**  
 Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of  
 October 2026 at the  
 Wotton House Hotel and  
 Country Estate

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

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| ARRIVAL<br>6:30pm | DINNER<br>7:00pm | CARRIAGES<br>Midnight |
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Wotton House Hotel & Country Estate  
 Guildford Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6HS

Drinks reception • Three-course dinner • Entertainment • Dancing

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| PRICE<br>£89<br><small>per person</small> | DRESS CODE<br>Black Tie<br><small>Lounge suit alternative welcome</small> | PRESENTED BY<br>Surrey Mark<br>Benevolent Fund |
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*Family, friends & guests all warmly welcome*

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

# The Masons who Brought the Moors Murderers to Justice

In 1965, Detective Chief Superintendent (DCS) Eric Cunningham, QPM, Head of the North West Regional Crime Squad, was appointed as the Senior Investigating Officer for the Moors Murders – the brutal killings of five children by Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

Eric was a member of Marsland Lodge No. 4702 in Cheshire, and the arrest of Ian Brady for the brutal killing of Edward Evans, which had brought an end to their murderous campaign, had been made by another Cheshire Mason. This was Superintendent Bob Talbot, a very experienced detective and member of De Sala Lodge No. 5657 and Cestrian Lodge No. 425.

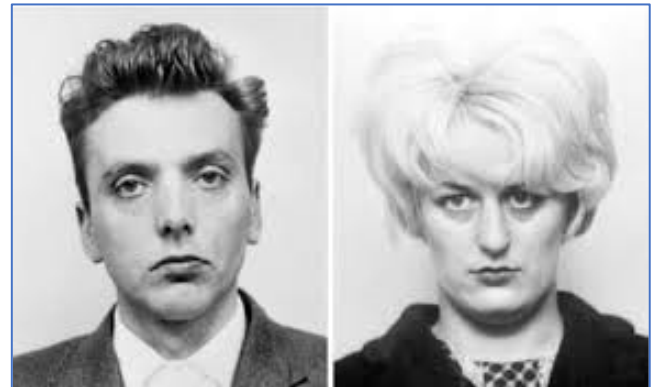


The left luggage ticket & suitcases

An excellent search of the murderers' home by Bro Talbot's detectives resulted in a left luggage ticket being found hidden in the spine of Hindley's prayer book. This led the police to Manchester Central Station, where two suitcases were seized. These contained the photographs and tape recordings which were critical in sending the evil pair to jail for life.

Later in life, Eric moved to Kent, where passed away several years later. W.Bro. Alan Chitty of Duke of Kent Lodge No. 5818 in Maidstone met his daughter, who presented him with his father's Masonic regalia, together with his Grand Lodge and Rose Croix Certificates.

At East Surrey Masters Lodge No. 5888 in Croydon, Alan met W.Bro. Mike Neville, the Lecturer at the Lodge and the author of "Crime & The Craft" and "Crafty Characters" books about Masonic goodies and baddies.



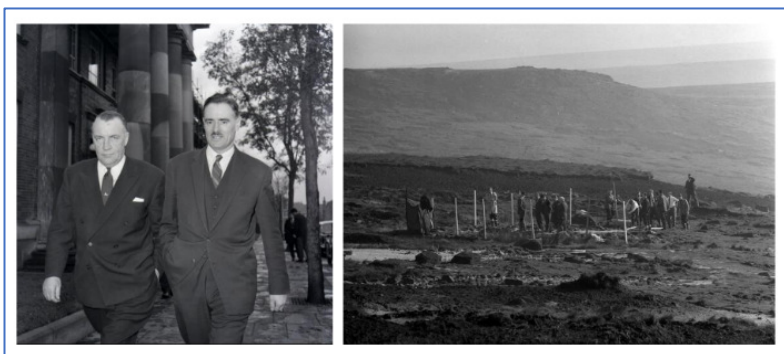
Brady & Hindley – the wicked killers

At East Surrey Masters

Mike had met Bro. Bob Talbot's son, and being from Lancashire with an uncle involved in the Moors Murders investigation, was of course, fascinated to hear about the regalia.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026, at Alan's invitation, Mike gave a talk on his books at the Masonic Hall in Maidstone, including the involvement of Masons in bringing of Brady and Hindley to justice. Following his presentation, Alan presented Mike with the regalia. Mike stated that he would wear Companion Eric's Royal Arch jewel with pride and that he would find good homes for the other items.

With all the discussions relating to police officers having to register their Masonic membership, perhaps Chief Constables should consider the fine work of



DCS Eric Cunningham (right) & the search of Saddleworth Moor

Bros. Cunningham and Talbot in stopping the Moors Murders, and that the killers spent the rest of their lives behind bars.

**For a talk on this fascinating subject, contact W.Bro. Mike Neville at [mrmikeneville@aol.com](mailto:mrmikeneville@aol.com)**

**Thanks to Mike Neville**

# A Candidate for St Andrews Lodge



Only Just....BUT we got there. St Andrews Lodge No 806 is a proud Lodge and we have just celebrated our centenary but “times is hard” The good news was that, at our last meeting, we had a candidate with a couple more brethren in the pipeline .... possibly. So, the future, whilst not assured, is looking positive.

We wanted to put on a good show for Bro. Anthony, but sickness and old age prevented us from being able to guarantee a complete set of officers. We asked for help and the “Provincial Support Team” were very helpful. Not only that, but two Honorary Members attended, thus boosting numbers. Not any Honorary Members but our Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. John French and our Past Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Ian Clark. In fact, one of our not so agile officers was able to sit out which was very reassuring.

The gathering started with a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge meeting comprised of business items, some of which were carried on to the following Mark meeting. We even have the possibility of new brethren in that order too. In the Mark, the usual items of minutes, salutations and greetings were appropriately carried out.

Then we got down to the main attraction, Bro Anthony. I have had the privilege of being present at many such advancements and we commenced with our Worshipful Master starting off proceedings in fine manner. This able brother then asked our Provincial Grand Master if he would like to continue with the ceremony. This was a great boost for our new man who was not only concentrating on his part in this new ceremony but now had the distinction of being received into a well-established lodge by our Provincial Grand Master, a unique privilege and one that he appreciated.

Our Assistant Director of Ceremonies showed his true metal fulfilling the Senior Deacon role admirably and the Treasurer caused a few eyebrows to be raised when he started the Working Tools in French, acknowledging that Freemasonry is spread over the surface of the earth. It can be visited in many countries - and is by several members of St Andrews 806.



This was a very well presented ceremony with the usual books, token, and tie being presented by the Worshipful Master who, by now, had resumed his place in the Chair of the Lodge. The Almoner gave his concise and encompassing report with only the Charity Steward being absent. The meeting was concluded in the usual Mark way, the National Anthem was sung, and we hurried down to the Festive Board, after the taking of a few photographs.



The food was super, a four course meal served steaming hot and finished with a cheeseboard and tea or coffee.

We are so well looked after by our catering company and for well under £30.00.



What a satisfying evening! You are welcome to visit us in October when we hope to have a full crew and the excellent Festive Board. Mark Masonry is for enjoyment. That's what we do. Yes, it is a hobby .... but with commitment!

*Thanks to Michael Fenech*