

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

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Dear brethren,

It is my very great pleasure to send you a message of fraternal greetings for Christmas and to thank you personally for your support over the last year. Writing this message naturally causes me to reflect on the past year as well as to look forward to what might lie in store for 2026.

Firstly, I must sincerely thank you all for the very warm welcome you always extend to me when I visit your lodges and I know that you show the same warm welcome to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial team. It is very humbling. That seems an appropriate prompt to thank the Provincial Officers for their steadfast support to me and their devotion to the order throughout the year. I extend those thanks both to the 2024-25 team, who covered most of the year, and to the 2025-26 team who I hope are already enjoying their new offices.

I was delighted to see an increase in both Mark and Royal Ark Mariner members this year and I know that doesn't happen by accident so I would like to thank all of you who are introducing new members to your lodges and urge you to continue to do so. It is so important that all candidates have a good ceremony as it is the best way of making them pleased to have joined the order and (hopefully) encourage others to join us too. The Provincial team are always happy to come and assist in the Advancement and Elevation ceremonies if you need some help filling the offices or delivering any part of the ritual.


Rewarding those brethren who have given outstanding service to the Province is the most gratifying part of being a Provincial Grand Master. At the recent Grand RAM Assembly W. Bro. Kevin Dodd was honoured with Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, in the company of an impressive contingent from Berkshire, and I heartily congratulate him. In June our Craft Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Anthony Howlett-Bolton, O.B.E. was deservedly appointed to the active rank of Grand Senior Deacon in recognition of what he is doing for the Mark degree nationally as well as within the Province and W.Bro. Phillip Batten and W.Bro. Dr. Silverio Ostrowski were both appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. At the September meeting of Mark Grand Lodge the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Jim Payen, was promoted to the rank of Past Grand Junior Overseer, thus making him a Very Worshipful brother and justifiably so!

Of course, at this time of year, we also call to mind those brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above. Whilst we do, of course, mourn their passing we are also grateful for the times we shared with them and "there will be a memory in our hearts and finally a rallying place in the Grand Lodge above." Let us also spare a thought for their families during the festive season.

Writing this message naturally causes me to look forward to what might lie in store for 2026 and I know we are in for another exciting and rewarding year. Many lodges have candidates in the pipeline who I look forward to welcoming. The Provincial Grand Master's Reception is always a highlight of the year and I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible in April, along with your partners and friends. Booking details will be released in the new year.

In closing, I hope that you are all able to spend time with your loved ones over Christmas and New Year, recharge your batteries and then take on 2026 with the joy and enthusiasm that I know you all have for our wonderful order, and may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe have you in His special keeping, until we meet again in His Most Holy Name.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Seeman". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized symbol consisting of a triangle with a horizontal line and a vertical line extending from the top vertex.

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