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Companion Orders Diary



Below are some upcoming dates of events for our Grand teams in their respective Orders.

You can find the calendar of the regular annual meetings of our Orders further down this newsletter.

Saturday 25 March - O.S.M. & S.C. Installation of Wy.Bro./V.Dist.Comp. Allun David Jones, P.A.G.D.C./P.G.Reg., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and Provincial Grand Summus for South Wales and Monmouthshire

Tuesday, 18 April - R.S.M. Annual Assembly of Grand Council (Business Meeting Only) Mark Masons' Hall

Saturday, 22 April - R.C.C. Installation of Ill.Kt. Simon McCarthy, P.G.Pref., as Intendant-General for Surrey

Wednesday, 26 April - Mark Tregenna Lodge No. 787 of M.M.M. Centenary, Province of Cornwall

Wednesday, 3 May - S.C. Conferral of 4th and 5th Grades, M.M.H.

Thursday, 4 May - S.C. Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus, M.M.H.

Saturday, 13 May - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Peter Furness, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall

Saturday, 13 May - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Dennis Andrew Freshwater, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Warwickshire

Tuesday, 18 July - S.C. Consecration of King Arthur Consistory No. 143, Province of Somerset and Dorset

Tuesday, 3 October - R.S.M. Celebratory meeting of the Sesquicentenary of Grand Council, Freemasons' Hall

St Lawrence celebrates 75 years



The St. Lawrence Lodge of Mark Master Masons marked their 75th Anniversary. The Provincial Grand Master for Durham and a full deputation attended this special occasion.

The St Lawrence Lodge of Mark Master Masons was Consecrated on 28 February 1948. Their mother Lodge is the Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge. St Lawrence Lodge was originally located in South Shields,

their first home being the Hedworth Masonic Hall. When this hall closed, they moved to the Masonic Hall at Ingham Street in South Shields.

Unfortunately, with declining membership and another Mark Lodge being based at the same hall, there were serious thoughts about closing the Lodge. They began discussions about their fate with the Provincial Executive. However, during these discussions an alternative was suggested which may allow the continuance of the Lodge. This option was to move to another home where there was no Mark Lodge.

The Lodge considered several options before deciding on Billingham as a possible new home. W.Bro. George Clark was instrumental in negotiating the relocation. In November 2017, St Lawrence Lodge of M.M.M. commenced activities in their new Billingham home. It was hoped the new location would breathe new life into the Lodge and encourage Billingham Masons to join the Mark.

This so far has proved to be the right decision, with the Lodge achieving its 75th anniversary and also attracting new members.

To help celebrate their anniversary, they advanced a new Mark Mason, Bro. Liam Enisz. The ceremony was expertly performed by the Worshipful Master, Nicholas Howell, and Ken Robson, stand-in Senior Deacon from Wouldhave Tyne Dock Lodge. To add to the enjoyment, they welcomed joining member Nigel Fallow and there were indications of more new members to come.



The evening was rounded off with a splendid meal at the festive board. The Provincial Grand Master, David Hanson, congratulated the Lodge on their achievement but also for taking on the challenge and moving to a new home and making it work. It was a satisfying way to celebrate 75 years of the Lodge. But, not only that, to also celebrate the future with some positive signs.

If you want to find out more about the history of the Province of Durham, the Province's centenary booklet is available in the Downloads section of the Provincial website <u>HERE</u>

With thanks to W.Bro.David Battensby, Prov.G.Reg.













KMBF Appeal smashes target in record time



A little over two weeks ago, on Friday, 3 March, the Kent Mark Benevolent Fund (KMBF) launched an appeal to generously match fund Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge donations, up to £5000, made via the KMBF to the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) ShelterBox appeal to support those affected by the powerful earthquakes that devastated southern Türkiye and northern Syria earlier in the year.

Knowing that, administratively, Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges would be unable to transfer funds immediately, The KMBF asked them to contact them with pledges until the donations could be properly ratified prior to transfer.

Such was the overwhelming support, that when the KMBF Trustees met on Tuesday 14th March donations and pledges already stood at an amazing £4,800, which gave them the confidence to ratify the transfer of the full £10,000 to the MBF "with immediate effect".

Upon announcing this decision the Chair of the KMBF, Perri Ahmet, expressed his "heartfelt thanks to the members of the Province, for their incredible and speedy generosity, in pledging the £5000 in record time".

All that is now required is for formal ratification to be made in lodge committee or open lodge and for the monies to be transferred to the KMBF as soon as possible.

Kent Masons can <u>Click Here</u> for more details about how to contribute.

With thanks to W.Bro. Robin Evans, P.A.G.D.C., Provincial Communications Manager for Kent

A new Provincial Grand Master for Surrey Mark



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey took place on Saturday, 18 March 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.

Once again, our Provincial Grand Stewards did a splendid job of ensuring everyone was able to park in the Stanton Road car park.



From 9.30 am the Brethren of the Province and their guests started arriving for coffee and bacon butties.



While the two Assistant Provincial Grand Masters designate were busy rehearsing their Obligation.



And the Grand Tyler was preparing the several cushions bearing the chains.





There were many guests from Kent



Middlesex



Sussex, and beyond.



As well as many Brethren from Surrey Mark Lodges.



By 10.45 a.m. everyone was seated in the Temple. The Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.



The meeting was called to order by W.Bro. Paul Wicking, P.G.Stwd., the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to receive the Presiding Officer, R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey, Past Provincial Grand Master.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in form by the Presiding Officer.



The Installing Officer, accompanied by his Assisting Officers, entered in procession assumed the chair and appointed his officers.





The Installing officer was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, after which he addressed the brethren on the purpose of the meeting, to install V.W.Bro. John French as the Provincial Grand Master for Surrey.







The Grand Director of Ceremonies and appointed Brethren retired in procession and re-entered the Lodge and introduced the Provincial Grand Master Designate.



The Installing Officer called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment from the Grand Master and then addressed the Provincial Grand Master designate on the Nature of his duties and the qualifications for the office.

After the Grand Chaplain had offered a prayer, the Provincial Grand Master designate took his Obligation and was invested and installed in the Chair by the M.W. Pro Grand Master. R.W.Bro. John French was then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master announced the appointment of W.Bro. William Raymond Barr, P.G.J.D., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.



The Deputy 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 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 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. Bill Barr was then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Provincial Grand Master announced the appointment of W.Bro. Timothy Ford, P.G.J.D.; and W.Bro, William A Caughie, P.G.J.D., as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters.



The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and appointed Brethren retired in procession and re-entered the Lodge and introduced the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters designate.



The Provincial Grand Master called upon the Grand Secretary to read the Patent of Appointment and then addressed the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters designate on the nature of their duties and the qualifications for the office.

After the Grand Chaplain had offered a prayer, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters designate took their Obligation and were invested and installed in the Chair by the Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro. Tim Ford and W.Bro. Bill Caughie were

then proclaimed and saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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 Pro Grand Master and his Assisting Officers retired in procession.



The Provincial Grand Master declared Provincial Grand Lodge called off and, accompanied by the Executive, R.W. Brethren, and other Distinguished Guests, retired from Provincial Grand Lodge.



It was good to see the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Surrey, Ian Chandler, at our meeting. Ian is seen here with John Prizeman, Pro Grand Master; Pat Crossan, Provincial Prior for the Provincial Priory of Surrey in the order of Knights Templar; and Richard Wileman, Inspector General for the Rose Croix District of Surrey, and Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Craft.



We were called into 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.



The Pro Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master took wine with all the Brethren in the Naughty Boys Room.



Some of the members of the Allied Masonic Degrees remembered to wear their A.M.D. napkins.



In proposing the toast to the Pro Grand Master our Provincial Grand Master presented M.W.Bro. John with a Surrey A.M.D. 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 for the Craft, had been invited to address the recent meeting of Mark Grand Lodge. The message was clear, that we need to work consistently and together. This way we can all help to ensure that Freemasonry thrives as a whole.



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



Provincial Grand Lodge was called on by the Provincial Grand Master.



He welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and other Masonic Orders in Surrey. Before approving the minutes of the previous meeting, which were available on the Provincial web site, those present remembered our members who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above since the last annual meeting.

The Travelling Keystone was introduced in 2016 to encourage visiting and promote the exchange of good will within the Province. Its journey started in Bond of Friendship Lodge and the passport shows that it has been to many Lodges within the Province. R.W.Bro. John said that the Lodge who would be taking the Keystone home this afternoon was Rose Mark Lodge. He invited the Brethren of Rose Lodge to stand while he congratulated them.

A total of 67 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank were announced; as well as 11 Brethren receiving Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. The Brethren of the Province of Surrey below the rank of Provincial Grand Officer were called to order to salute the newly appointed and invested Provincial Grand Officers with three.

The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. He thanked all the guests and members for attending and helping to make this a very special day. He asked the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to present W.Bro. Nigel Feltham and W.Bro. Garry Lewis to him so he could present a

cheque of £2,000 to each of them as a donation to their charities. He thanked W.Bro. Nigel for all the good work he is doing, along with Shelley Sykes at Sutton Masonic Hall, to support the Sutton Food Bank. He then asked W.Bro. Garry to pass on our thanks to his wife Carol who has dedicated much time in creating Swishes packs which are distributed to local hospitals.

The meeting was then 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.





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



It was a long but truly memorable day.

Article and photos by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O.



And, a big thank-you to our out-going Provincial Grand Master

R.W.Bro. Ian N Clark, Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Surrey, retired from office after nine years of leading our Province. R.W.Bro. Ian has said that it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the Province as our Provincial Grand Master, and I am sure he is looking forward to a well-deserved rest.

His last visit to a Mark Lodge as Provincial Grand Master took place on 16 March to Pride of Surrey Lodge meeting at Sutton. There were 28 Provincial Officers of the year attending to say farewell and thanks to our Provincial Grand Master.



The Mark Lodge was opened by W.Bro. Peter Kipps who welcomed all the visitors and guests. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Paul Wicking, P.G.Stwd., was admitted and advised the Worshipful Master that R.W.Bro. Ian Clark was demanding admission for the last time. The Provincial Grand Master entered the Temple to rapturous applause from everyone in the Temple, including the Provincial escort. He was quite moved by this and took the Chair.



He said how delighted he was to be with everyone and thanked all the Brethren for turning out in such numbers for his last visit. He thanked everyone for their support for the Surrey Mark 2022 MBF Festival which, despite all the challenges over the years, raised the magnificent sum of £1.002,022 for worthy causes. He described some of the ways in which the money has been spent, including a donation to the Sutton Women's Centre, a charity supported by Shelley and the team at Sutton Masonic Hall.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. John French then presented a cheque to the Provincial Grand Master from all the Brethren of the Mark Province of Surrey, thanking him for the way he has led the Province over the past nine years. R.W.Bro. lan's face was a picture when he saw the amount raised - £2,500.



He received a standing ovation, which was very moving.



The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Roland Sylvester (Ron) Scarlett as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was conducted in a most sincere manner by the Worshipful Master. The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O. It was a very special moment for V.W.Bro. Chris as he had seen Ron Initiated, Passed and Raised in the Craft, assisting with the ceremonies, he Exalted Ron into the Holy Royal Arch, and assisted in Ron's Advancement into the Mark. The Address to the Brethren for the very last time as our Provincial Grand Master was given by R.W.Bro. lan Clark.

The Provincial Grand Master congratulated W.Bro. Ron and wished him an enjoyable year in the chair of Pride of Surrey Mark Lodge.



It was good to see how many of the present, past, and future, Provincial Executive turned up to say thanks to our Provincial Grand Master, and to wish him well for the future.



The Lodge was then closed, and after the customary group photograph...



we all retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Sutton Masonic Hall.

R.W.Bro. Ian thanks all the members of his Executive who had supported him, together with the Wardens and various Officers. He said that he could not have asked for more from his teams and thanked them one and all.

As he rides off into the sunset, R.W.Bro. Ian wishes John and his team every success as we move into a new era in Surrey Mark Masonry, and he begins a year of Purdah.

Article and photos by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cheshire AGM

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master of Cheshire AGM was held on Saturday, 18 March 2023.



Meet the New Team.

	Acting O	fficers 2023-24			
Deputy Provincial Grand Master	Derek	Joseph	Walsh	Deeside	795
assistant Provincial Grand Master	John	David	Miller	Claughton	705
Provincial Grand Senior Warden	Colin	Everett	Lowis	Joppa	11
Provincial Grand Junior Warden	Peter		Crampton	Stayley	597
Provincial Grand Master Overseer	John	Leslie Kingsford	Bannell	East Cheshire	1468
Provincial Grand Senior Overseer	Harry		Shone	W. Cheshire	1497
Provincial Grand Junior Overseer	Roderick	Stewart	Garriwell	Sandbach	1609
Provincial Grand Chaplain	Basil	Henry	Keys	Neston	1445
Provincial Grand Treasurer	David	Lambert	Berry	Fidelity	31
Provincial Grand Registrar	Barry	Worthing	Travers	Cestrian	953
Provincial Grand Secretary	Michael	Anthony	Jones	Leverhulme	1325
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	Sebastian	Jeremy Dunsandle	Daly	Namptwyche	1206
Provincial Grand Almoner	Howard	John	Waddell	Comwall Legh	839
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	David	Nicholas	Wild	Macclesfield	964
Provincial Grand Inspector of Works	Fraser	John	Fowlie	Earl of Chester	196
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	Philip	John	Greenwood	Wallasey	600
Deputy Provincial Grand Chaplain	Trevor	Charles	Simcock	East Cheshire	1468
Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary	Barrie		Sant	Hyde	868
Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	tan	James	Muirhead	Namptwyche	1206
Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	Derek		Blackburn	Rivacre	1016
Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	John	Edward	Champney	Leverhulme	1325
Provincial Grand Senior Deacon	Michael		Jarvis	Altrincham	1024
Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	Glyn	Thomas	Jones	Wyhenshawe	532
Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	Peter	John	Langley	Wythenshawe	532
Provincial Grand Junior Deacon	James	Chung	Tang	Sandbach	609
Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary	Graeme		Sambrook	St. Hilary	1081
Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	Peter	David	Kellet	Rivacre	1016
Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	Robert	Christopher	Millington	Claughton	705
Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	Derek	William	Scott	Sandbach	1609
Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	John	Hefin	Roberts	Egerton	165
Provincial Grand Organist	Keith	James	Clarke	Middlewich	902
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	Robert		Stephenson	Stayley	597
Assistant Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	Graham		Quinn	Deeside	795
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	Mark.		Gleave	Tuscan	922
Provincial Grand Steward	Richard	Dennis Boorisi	Antipas	Stamford	148
Provincial Grand Steward	Russell	James	Dodd	Claughton	705
Provincial Grand Steward	Michael	James -	Ross	Neston	1445
Provincial Grand Steward	Aniello		Ursini	Four Cardinal Virtues	723
Provincial Grand Tyler	David		Торр	Middlewich	902

At the Start of the day our Provincial Communications Officer, Peter Langley, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, checked out the photo opportunities before the others arrive.



Our "The Magic of the Mark" Bike attends all Provincial meetings around England and Wales.





The contingent from the Isle of Man have also discovered some photo opportunities.





There were a number of distinguished guests attending the meeting. Some here taking a keen interest in the seating arrangements.



Here we see the visiting Provincial Grand Masters waiting to be paraded in.



We were joined on Saturday by the Heads of Companion Orders, in their respective Regalia.



W.Bro. Mark Holmes - Provincial Prior for Cheshire & North Wales of The Grand College of the Priestly Orders of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and of Holy Wisdom

W.Bro. Christopher J Welton - Provincial Grand Summus for Cheshire and North Wales in The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas

W.Bro. Tony Stringer - The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Cheshire & North Wales in The Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas

W.Bro. Graham Kyffin - Prov.G.M. for Cheshire and North Wales Royal Order of Scotland

W.Bro. Nigel Cooper - Inspector General for East Cheshire in The Supreme Council 33 of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts Overseas

W.Bro. Augustine Scott - Deputy Grand Master for the North West Counties in The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviours, Plasterers & Bricklayers

W.Bro. Bryan Hughes - District Grand Master for Cheshire and the Marches in The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas

Team Picture before traveling to Whitby Club for the Festive Board.



At the Festive Board









Our new Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Derek Joseph Walsh, *JP*, taking wine with Assistant Provincial Grand Master, John David Miller





While the other members of the Directors of Ceremonies team are working the room the Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies Ian Muirhead and 2 of the Assistants sample the range of beverages available.

While the Present Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sebastian Daly, introduces our past Director of Ceremonies, our new Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Derek Joseph Walsh, *JP*.

With thanks to W.Bro. Peter Langley, Prov.G.J.D., Provincial Grand Communications Officer



Northumberland's Provincial Priory of Malta



Saturday witnessed the Annual Meeting of the Northumberland Provincial Priory of Malta being held in their new residence of Fern Avenue Masonic Hall for the first time.

The packed to the rafters building saw members of the Order, including the Heads of Order from the Red Cross of Constantine, E.Kt. Trevor Fish; and the Rose Croix, E.Kt. Stephen Read; in addition to the Past Provincial Prior of Northumberland, R.E.Kt. Alan Hume; and the Past Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in Northumberland, E.Kt. Gordon Craigs, who also happens to be an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft Province of Northumberland; supported by the rest of the Craft Executive for the Province of Northumberland, in the guise of E.Kt. Ian Craigs, Provincial Grand Master; E.Kt. Dr Greg Smith, Assistant Provincial Grand Master; E.Kt. Alasdair Watson, Assistant Provincial Grand Master; and E.Kt. George Sanger, Assistant Provincial Grand Master; come together from the far reaches of the Province to support the Provincial Prior, Right Eminent Knight Kevin Stannard, who is also the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Craft.

In a slick, well-drilled meeting, under the watchful eye of the Provincial Mareschal and his team, the gathered throng were treated to, not only their peers receiving their well-deserved appointments, reappointments and promotions, but also to the admission to the Order of Knight Ty Findlay, making way to a packed, convivial and very enjoyable Festive Board.



Congratulations, from everyone at Northumberland Freemasons, to all the Knights, for your various preferments and to Ty on his admission to the Order.

With thanks to Kt. Nick Deakin, Provincial Grand Communications Officer, Northumberland Freemasons





Kyngstun Preceptory Centenary celebration meeting

Kyngstun Preceptory No. 225 was Consecrated by Great Priory on Friday, 19 January 1923 at Mark Masons' Hall, London. The consecrating team comprising of ten Knights was led by Major General T C P Calley, *C.B., C.B.E., M.V.O.*, G.C.T. The records show that 28 Knights attended, of whom nine were founders.

The Centenary meeting of the Preceptory was held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 at Surbiton in the presence of the Provincial Prior of Surrey, R.E. Knight, Patrick P Crossan, and a large number of Provincial Officers.

The Preceptory was opened by V.E. Knight Chris Eley, P.Gt.Reg., who welcomed everyone and explained that he had been invited by his old friend, V.E. Knight Chris Cradock, P.2nd.Gt.Cons., Provincial Chancellor, to install him as Eminent Preceptor for the Preceptory's centennial year.

E.Kt. Tim Ford, Provincial Marshal, entered and advised the Eminent Preceptor that the Provincial Prior was without and demanded admission. The Provincial Prior entered through an Arch of Steel, was welcomed by the Eminent Preceptor, and accepted the baton. He said how pleased he was to see so many Brother Knights in the Temple to share in Kyngstun Preceptory's centenary celebrations.

The Muster Roll was taken, and the Brother Knights stood in memory of the late R.E.Kt. Bryan F Page, Past Provincial Prior for Surrey, who had recently passed away. A moving tribute was given by our Provincial Prior.

The main item of the agenda was to install V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock as Eminent Preceptor. This was done by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley in a very sincere manner. V.E. Knights Chris and Chris are seen here with the Provincial Prior, who wished the Eminent Preceptor a most enjoyable year.



The Provincial Prior was then invited to present two Great Priory of Malta Certificates to Knights Sohrab Ayaz and James Hawkins, which he did in his own special way by walking them round the Preceptory.



V.E.Kt. Keith Waller, P.Gt.Reg, presented a very special Wilkinson Sword to the Preceptory. This had been given to V.E.Kt. Keith by R.E.Kt. Tom Chatfield, K.C.T., Past Provincial Prior for Surrey from 1970 to 1980, to be presented to the Preceptory and used as the Preceptory sword. This was accepted by V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock on behalf of the Preceptory.



In celebration of its centenary V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock gave a brief resume of the history of the Preceptory saying that a Centennial Brochure will be on everyone place at the festive board.

To round off a very special day the Provincial Prior said he had a surprise presentation to make. He presented V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock with a 50 Year Certificate thanking V.E.Kt. Chris for everything he does for all the Orders in Freemasonry, but especially for what he does for our special Order.



The Preceptory was closed and after the Centenary photograph was taken.



A Priory of Knights of Malta was opened. V.E.Kt. Chris Cradock was Installed as Prior of Kyngstun Priory by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, the Officers invested, the Priory closed and we retired to enjoy a most convivial festive board together in the Elizabethan Suite at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



At the festive board V.E.Kt. Chris thanked the Provincial Prior and his team along with other guests for making this a very special day for Kyngstun Preceptory. He noted that there were 35 Brother Knights at this Centennial Meeting, and there were 28 Brother Knights at the Consecration meeting.



In the reply to his Toast the Provincial Prior thanked everyone for attending and wished the Preceptory well for its next 100 years.

Article and photos by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, P.Gt.Reg.



Sussex A.M.D. AGM



The District held its AGM on Saturday at Peacehaven. The event was well attended, albeit somewhat reduced by the clash in Surrey of the Installation of the Dist.G.P. for Surrey as the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Surrey.

Nevertheless, following a rather rain-soaked journey in the morning all had the opportunity of indulging in bacon and sausage sandwiches with their tea or coffee.

The day went very well with firstly, the welcoming of our Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Bailey. The focus of the morning, being the Investiture of W.Bro. Ian Taylor as the new Deputy District Grand Prefect, found him being escorted in in a very smart manner and duly placed in his Chair and saluted.



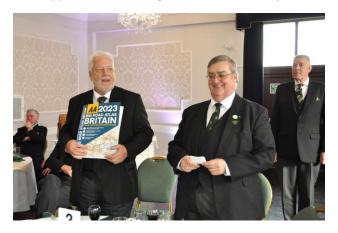
Following the investiture of the remaining Officers for the forthcoming year the Dist.G.P. proceeded with his Address. Whilst welcoming visitors and congratulating recipients of this year's Grand and District honours, he also felt it necessary to reflect upon his personal concerns regarding the way forward for Sussex A.M.D. in particular, and considerations for Freemasonry in general.

There followed a most convivial lunch followed by the usual Toasts, which included a response by the Deputy Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Master.



Before introducing the Deputy District Grand Prefect, our District G.D.C. related an emotional story of the occasion when many years ago the Deputy, who had been responsible for commencing the raising of funds for the first defibrillator installed in a local ambulance, had miraculously been driving that very same uniquely equipped ambulance, when he received an emergency call only a mile or so away from the Dist.G.D.C.s house where his 2-year-old son had accidentally fallen into the next door neighbours swimming pool and was believed to have drowned. Our Deputy's prompt arrival and skills enabled an eventual resuscitation of the young boy. Such are the winds of fate! Heartful applause followed before the new Deputy rose to propose the Toast to the District Grand Prefect, but before doing so he took the unique step of calling up his predecessor to join him. This had arisen because W.Bro. John Ellenger had never previously had the opportunity for three years, due to the lockdowns and then last year's visit by the Grand Master, of proposing that particular toast.

Cue chaos as the dynamic duo then proceeded to bring the house down with their interpretation of the 'Working Tools' required when applied to travelling around the country in the company of the Dist.G.P.



The smiles and feeling of camaraderie that followed the conclusion of lunch left the visitors, members and particularly your District Grand Prefect with that fuzzy warm glow of pleasure. Long may it continue.

With thanks to R.W.Bro. Gene Earland, Dist.G.P. - Photographs by W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, P.G.St.B.























A new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Suffolk



Monday saw the Installation of a new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for the O.S.M. Province of Suffolk, R.Wy.Bro. William George McColl.

The Installation took place at Ashlar House, Bury St Edmunds, familiar territory for the new Prov.G.S.R. who runs the catering company supplying the venue.

The Installation was carried out by R.Wy.Bro. Keith Ferguson, standing in for the Grand Supreme Ruler. There followed the Installation of the Dep.Prov.G.R., Wy.Bro. Robert Charles Dakin.

After the meeting the Brethren were served a delicious festive board. Well it had to be, didn't it!



O.S.M. in Gloucestershire & Herefordshire raise £5,000 for Melanoma UK - in barely a year!



At the Annual meeting of the Order of the Secret Monitor, Province of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire, a cheque for the magnificent sum of £5,000 was presented to Melanoma UK by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. David Wheeler. And if this wasn't enough to make it a special day, Wy.Bro. Robert Dewbery was installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the presence of R.Wy.Bro. Keith Ferguson, the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order.



The Province started fundraising for the charity in early 2022 following the Prov.G.S.R.s wife, Anna's, diagnosis of secondary cancers resulting from an earlier diagnosis of melanoma. Donations from individuals, Conclaves, the Province, and match funding from the O.S.M. Benevolent Fund rapidly exceeded the original target of £3,000 before hitting £5,000 in just 15 months. Sadly, Anna succumbed to the cancers before she could see the cheque presented to Gillian Nuttall, CEO of the charity by the Prov.G.S.R., Dep.G.S.R., and outgoing Dep.Prov.G.S.R. but she was remembered in the reply by Gillian during which she spoke of the risks to us all from melanoma and the work of the charity to supply advanced skin scanners into hospitals throughout the UK.



Earlier the Brethren had received the Dep.G.S.R. on his first solo outing since being appointed, and seen Wy.Bro. Dewbery installed as successor to V.Wy.Bro. Stephen White, the outgoing Dep.Prov.G.S.R., after 9 years dedicated service to the Order and the Province. At the lunch, V.Wy.Bro. Steve was the recipient of a bottle of gin and a box of Heroes chocolates, both of which, he commented, he was looking forward to enjoying; in moderation of course.

Visitors from as far afield as the Channel Islands and Durham enjoyed the meeting and sumptuous meal in the company of Brethren of the Province, and many friendships were made and renewed.

With thanks to R.Wy.Bro. David Wheeler, Prov.G.S.R.

















Support for St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice



1 - Pictured (L-R) Kate Estcourt, Director of Care; Tony Stringer, Prov.G.S.R.; David Bruce, S.R. Vale of Weaver Conclave No. 278;
Angela Slack, Fundraising Manager

The O.S.M. Province of Cheshire & North Wales aims to make two annual charity donations to support local causes.

Each year, two Conclaves from within the Province nominate a local charity that would benefit from our assistance.

Funds are raised throughout the year by various Conclave activities and donations, with the main source of income coming from an Autumn Sunday Lunch, a collection at the Annual Meeting and, of course, a match funding contribution from the O.S.M. Benevolent Fund,.

This year, the first charity to receive support is St Luke's (Cheshire) Hospice in Winsford.

St Luke's was founded in 1983, when a farm house was purchased and converted.

The first patients were admitted in 1988. Since then, the hospice has grown, expanded and developed, with day care patients, a Complementary Therapy Clinic and a Lymphoedema Clinic.

The Hospice now has 10 beds, and the funding will purchase Fall Prevention Mats for each bed, to keep patients safe.

The charity was nominated by Worthy Brother David Bruce, Supreme Ruler of Vale of Weaver Conclave No 278, whose wife has volunteered for the Hospice for many years.

The photograph shows Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer,

PGSR, presenting a cheque for £2,000 to Kate Estcourt,

Director of Care, with David Bruce and Angela Slack, Fundraising Manager for the Hospice, looking on.

As we were leaving, someone did explain that the mats are made of extra thick rubber, so that when the patient fell out of bed they just bounced back in, but I'm not sure they worked in the clinical team!

Words and picture, Tony Stringer, Prov.G.S.R.



Order of the Secret Monitor Or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan



Youth Adventure Trust received Top Award in Wiltshire



The Wiltshire based Youth Adventure Trust was recently awarded a grant of £5,450 for new tents and camping equipment for the use of disadvantaged young people aged between 11 and 16 living in Swindon and the wider Wiltshire community.

This week Pippa Graham, Trusts Fundraising Officer for the charity shared some wonderful news with us.

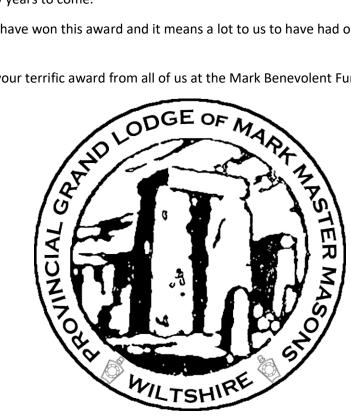
Pippa says, 'I wanted to share the amazing news that the Youth Adventure Trust was recently given the Pride of Wiltshire Award at the Wiltshire Life Awards ceremony.

The Pride of Wiltshire Award is a special award presented to the organisation that Wiltshire Life and the judging panel are proud to have located in the county. They select an organisation that has made a

significant contribution to the county over a period of time and will continue to be an asset to the community for many years to come.

We are delighted to have won this award and it means a lot to us to have had our work celebrated with this award.'

Congratulations on your terrific award from all of us at the Mark Benevolent Fund.





Not seeing your news? Join us on Social Media

Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent a Masonic Club or Society linked to our Orders, please send us an invite to join or follow you.

We can be found at:

Facebook - Mark Secretariat - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall

Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk

Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2023 - All Orders

Please note all timings are approximate. Refer to the Summons for confirmation.

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Reheamal. Time	Meeting. Starts	Meeting. Finishes	Dining. Start	Approx Einish
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - Limited Capacity	Tuesday, 18 April 2023	Merk Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	11:00 AM	100 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
sc	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 4 May 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
кт	Great Priory	Wednesday, 17 May 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Active & 1st	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC28 SAZ	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	230 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Promotions	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
квнс	Grand Priory	Thursday, 14 September 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3.30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council -150 Celebration	Tuesday, 3 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 9 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT -Malta	Great Priory of Malta	Tuesday, 21 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 11 December 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B SAZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM

Click Here to download a PDF copy of the Calendar

Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival



Click Here to book

Additional support for earthquake rescue efforts



Further to last week's announcement that the MBF had made an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the Türkiye/Syria earthquakes rescue efforts, we have been inundated with requests to make it possible for Brethren, Lodges and Provinces to make donations to directly support the work of our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity.

It has been agreed that we will accept donations in to our MCF Relief Chest.

The donations will be channelled through our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity reg no. 1096479 and will also count towards MBF honorifics.

Donations for Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and Northern Syria should be sent using the following details:

MARK EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

MMM 185622

For Individual donations - Please add your Surname and the reference Turkiye

For Lodge donations – use the **Order** with **Lodge number** and the reference **Turkiye**

For Provincial donations – use the **Order** with **Province** and the reference **Turkiye**

To make a donation you can

- use the QR Code below
- <u>Click Here</u> to go to the donation page
- Click Here to download a Credit/Debit Card donation Form
- Click Here to download a Cheque/Chirty Voucher donation form



Please share with your Brethren and if you have any queries or concerns please contact the Charities Department at Mark Masons' Hall.

We thank you all for your generosity.

You can find out more by <u>Clicking Here</u> to read the latest ShelterBox update and there is additional info in the images below.

You can visit ShelterBox on their various media outlets:

https://shelterbox.org/

https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox

ShelterBox



£50,000 donated to ShelterBox

On Monday, 6 February 2023 a series of powerful earthquakes devastated southern Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and northern Syria. The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund were quick to act and by the close of business on Tuesday 7, had approved an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the rescue efforts in association with our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity. The charity is sending an emergency response team to carry out crucial assessments and establish how best their help can be deployed. Their international assessment team will arrive in Türkiye in a few days and will be liaising with contacts on the ground to establish how best to proceed.

The humanitarian need in Türkiye and Syria is immense and growing – it is the most devastating earthquake to hit the region in 100 years and could become the worst. The death toll is likely to rise significantly, and thousands of buildings have been destroyed in both countries leaving people homeless, with nowhere to sleep, in the middle of a bitter winter.

ShelterBox provides different combinations of emergency shelter aid and essential household items during its responses depending on what is needed. This could be sending tents and shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets and clothing to keep people warm through the freezing winter nights. It could be cash to help people buy what they need to survive. Or it could solar lights that help people when there is no electricity. Getting aid into countries and on to where it's needed after a disaster of this scale presents huge challenges especially with damage to infrastructure and supply routes. That's why ShelterBox strategically pre-positions aid around the world, including in Syria.

This donation of £50,000 from the Mark Benevolent Fund will allow $Shelter Box\,to\,act\,quickly, adapting\,how\,they\,work\,to\,best\,support\,people$ affected by the earthquakes and allowing them to tailor aid packages to what is needed. There are currently no plans to set up a central fund from Mark Masons' Hall.

This is what the grant will be used for by the ShelterBox charity (information taken from the ShelterBox website):

SHELTERBOX TENT - £350

When disaster strikes, families need shelter to feel safe again. When they can't start rebuilding their homes immediately, durable tents can make them feel safe and protected.
Depending on the weather and the place, the shelter needs of families differ. That's why we're committed to providing families with the best possible solutions that suit their needs.
From padded tents that can safely accommodate a stove, to medium-sized tents that fit in small spaces and ones that can last years if needed, families can feel at home again.



SHELTER KITS - £60

We provide shelter kits which include a

We provide shelter kits which include a selection of hardwearing tools and materials that are customised to suit the needs of each community. The tools and materials we send provide the essentials families need to start rebuilding homes straight away, ranging from tough tarpaulin and timber to corrugated sheeting and even room dividers. The versatile tools we provide help with everything from clearing rubble to building shelters and even tending crops. Our tools can also be used to build furniture, cut firewood and make repairs.



BLANKETS - £7

Blankets, groundsheets and mattresses not only provide vital warmth, but comfort too when families are recovering from disaster. These simple items can be used in a variety of ways, from bedding to room dividers, and help turn a shelter into a home.



SOLAR LIGHTS - £11

Our solar lights can last up to 24 hours on just one charge on the lowest setting. They are lightweight and waterproof, making them easy to carry in any situation. Because they are so safe, cheap and easy to use, families use solar lights in different ways - for work, education, family activities, or simply moving around at night. They are more than just light - they can provide comfort and allow families to regain their livelihoods.



Find out more about the work of ShelterBox



https://shelterbox.org/



https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox



@ShelterBox



At the meeting of Mark Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund would be donating £25,000 to the Mark Inspectorate of Romania who have been working proactively in many ways to provide support and relief to their neighbours in Ukraine.

This tremendous endeavour has touched Freemasons across the Constitution and many of our Brethren are keen to add their own support by making a donation.

We have set up a Relief Chest with the M.C.F. under the name of the **Mark Emergency Relief Fund** and you can now make donations in a variety of ways.

We know that there is enormous support for this already. To make the administration of donations as smooth as possible, enabling funds to be transferred efficiently to where they are needed most, we ask that you note the following advice regarding donations:

For individual donations of less than £100 - please make arrangements with your Mark Lodge for these to be collected centrally and then for the Lodge to make one consolidated donation into the Fund. These consolidated donations will count toward the Lodge's M.B.F. honorifics, rather than each individuals.

Donations of £100 or more may be made by individuals directly into the fund and will count towards the Brother's M.B.F. Honorifics

In all correspondence please ensure you are donating to:

Mark Emergency Relief Fund

Relief Chest No.: MMM185622

The quickest and easiest way to donate is by scanning the QR code below or following this Link.

Mark Emergency Relief Fund MMM185622

To make a donation

scan with phone camera to open or visit URL

https://gtap.uk/mmm185622



For a Credit Card Donation Form <u>Click Here</u> - remembering to use your **Craft Lodge name and number**, not your Mark Lodge.

For a Single Donation Form <u>Click Here</u> - remembering to use your **Craft Lodge name and number**, not your Mark Lodge.

If you would like more information about the ways in which you can donate using the digital options above, you can read the Digital Donations Guide by <u>Clicking Here</u>

And if you, or your Lodge, already hold a Relief Chest from which you would like to donate funds, there is a further, specific guide available by <u>Clicking Here</u> and a simple transfer guide available by <u>Clicking Here</u>

Swift pins still available



For those who may not have been able to get their hands on one of the K.T. £20 for 2020 Appeal Swift Pins, there are still some available.

Provinces can order in bulk, or individuals can purchase single pins, by contacting Linda Read, Charities Finance Manager at M.M.H. at L.Read@mmh.org.uk

Pins are £20 each and funds raised will go to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

The 2023 Mark Charity Dinner Dance, Cha Di Da

Saturday. 28 October 2023 at the Reigate Manor Hotel, Reigate Hill, Surrey RH2 9PF.

Arrival is at 6:30 for 7:00 pm

Carriages at 12 midnight

Entertainment: Jason Allen (Michael Buble Tribute) followed by Jahson Nembhard (formerly of the Drifters)





Menu

Starter

- Wild mushroom soup (ve)
- Chicken liver pate, toasted brioche, chutney
- Prawn cocktail, Mary Rose sauce, lemon wedge and brown bread (v)

Main Course

- Coq au vin, crushed new potatoes, seasonal vegetables
- Roast sirloin of beef, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, red wine jus
- Baked salmon fillet, white wine cream sauce, new potatoes, fine green beans
- Mushroom rissotto, rocket salad (ve) (v)

Dessert

- Seasonal fruit trifle
- Citrus cheesecake, berry compote Eton mess
- Cheese and biscuits
- Tea, coffee and chocolate mints to finish

Tickets for the event are £60 per person and include a three course meal.Bed & Breakfast at the Reigate Manor Hotel - double room £120.

Click here to download the pdf booking form.

Contact: W.Bro. Alan Brockwell: T: 01737 557997 | M: 07868 657276 | E: Brockers01@icloud.com

Social Media Guidelines



With our relatively new Pro Grand Masters in both the Craft and the Mark, we are continuing our close working relationship with our Brethren at Freemasons' Hall.

While we enjoy and encourage our members' enthusiasm for our Orders, it's important that we are mindful where and how we share our passion for Freemasonry.

Please ensure that any posts on social media about the Companion Orders are either restricted to groups, pages and websites that are open to all Orders or, if destined for Craft specific areas, are posted via a moderator to ensure they are a welcome additions to the news feed.

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MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

The new-look MBF Stewardship Jewels have now been designed for the following Festivals:

2023 West Yorkshire

2024 Cheshire

2025 Oxfordshire

2026 Hampshire & IOW

2027 Warwickshire

2028 Somerset

2029 Durham

2030 Essex

We have added the bank account name to all the forms so please use the latest form and details as found in the links above.

The 2029 Festival Stewardship Jewel for Durham is now in stock and available for delivery.

















We reported recently that the new style MBF Festival Stewardship is aimed principally, but not exclusively, at members of each host Festival Province.

In return for a qualifying donation of £100, each Steward will be entitled to:

- A distinctive Stewards' breast jewel, year bar and pocket jewel holder.
- Inclusion of their name in the Festival Stewards' Roll of Honour in the Festival booklet

 And for individuals making their first donation under the scheme, qualification as a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund – the first step on the ladder of honorifics.

Monies raised by the take-up of Festival Stewardships will, of course, be included in each respective Festival total.

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Most communication for Masonic Administration should go via the Provincial Secretary, or equivalent, and they will know who to contact here at M.M.H. if they are unable to answer the query themselves.

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