

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Berkshire

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Dear brethren,

As yet another year draws to a close I find myself wondering where the last 12 months have gone! It has, as always, been an absolute joy to be in your company at Mark and Royal Ark Mariner meetings throughout the Province.

Thank you all so much for the very warm welcome you have given to me, to my Deputy Provincial Grand Master, V.W. Bro. Mike Sanders, and to all the Provincial team when we have visited your lodges. I would also like to thank the Provincial Officers for their steadfast support to me and their devotion to the order throughout the year. I include in those thoughts both the 2022-23 team who covered most of the year and to the 2023-24 team who have already made such a tremendous start since the Provincial meeting in September.

New members are, of course, the life blood of any masonic order and are so essential if we are to have a successful future. I have been delighted to welcome so many new members into both Mark and Royal Ark Mariners. It would be invidious to name any particular individuals, but we have certainly been able to welcome some very well-known Berkshire brethren to the Mark degree over the last year. Not only is it a delight to see them join the Mark, but I know that they will encourage others to join us and so increase our numbers still further. In welcoming all those members who will be reading this Christmas message for the first time I also thank the existing members for 'spreading the word'. Please continue your unstinting efforts in this regard.

Rewarding those brethren who have given outstanding service to the Province is the nicest part of being a Provincial Grand Master and I know that the whole Province was delighted to see Worshipful Brothers Ted Lewis (Grand Steward), Dick Haydon and Bob Watson (both PAGDC) receive appointment to Grand Rank along with a thoroughly well-deserved promotion for Steve Berkshire to the rank of PGJO, making him a Very Worshipful Brother. W Bro Dick Haydon also received appointment to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. I congratulate them all once again.

2024 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for the Mark Province of Berkshire. The Provincial Team will be performing an Advancement ceremony at Wantage on Monday 8th January. It would be wonderful to see some of you there to support the lodge. The communications team are working on a Provincial Newsletter, which is an exciting development for the Province. The Provincial Grand Master's Reception is always a highlight of the year and Fiona and I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible along with your partners and friends in April. Booking details will follow in due course.

In closing, I hope that you are all able to spend time with your families over the festive period, recharge your batteries and then take on 2024 with the joy and enthusiasm that I know you all have for our wonderful degree, 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". Below the signature is a small, stylized logo consisting of a triangle with a horizontal line through it, resembling a letter 'G'.

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