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Annual Inter-Provincial Cricket Tournament Sunday 23rd July 2023



at
Ardingly College,
College Road,
Ardingly, Haywards
Heath, Sussex
RH17 6SQ.

Brethren, a date for your diaries! On Sunday 23rd July at Ardingly College, the Province of Sussex will be hosting this annual tournament. The first game will commence at 10am.

Two things; first, do you know of any potential players? Chris Hatton has again agreed to be our team manager with David Lawrence. Their contact details are neatwork@btconnect.com (Chris) and david@backtolife.co.uk (David).



Several of last year's players have agreed to take part and our new Provincial Grand Master, John French, was the first to volunteer, but we feel that we ought to protect him from the odd stray delivery!

Secondly, please put aside the date to attend if you are possibly able. We were the hosts last year and it was a great occasion. In fact, our Past Provincial Grand Master, Ian Clark, flew in from Scotland and came straight to the ground to support our team.

Programmes, which have been sent to all Lodge Secretaries, are priced at the usual £5.

ANNUAL MARK INTER PROVINCE
CRICKET FESTIVAL & FAMILY DAY OUT 2023

Entrance Programme
£5.00

SUSSEX ♦ MIDDLESEX ♦ SURREY ♦ KENT

SUNDAY 23rd JULY 2023



GATES OPEN 9.00 A.M.
CRICKET TO COMMENCE 10.00 A.M

**ARDINGLY COLLEGE, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX,
RH17 6SQ (<https://www.ardingly.com>)**



BRINGING THE CASTLE TO PERCY

An exciting meeting for Percy Lodge No 114 on the 3rd of May with 2 joining members Bro Richard Graham and W.Bro. Stephen Berkshire.

Steve has recently retired as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for Berkshire spending many years escorting the Provincial Grand Master on his official visits so he will be a great addition to the Percy family, especially as he also headed the recruitment team in Berkshire.



The icing on the cake was a double advancement, Bro. John Mitchell and his cousin Bro. Ben Dickson. Bro. John has worked tirelessly to change the fortunes of his Craft unit "Castle Lodge" which meets at Farnham. They were struggling to survive until, with the help of all the candidates which he

brought into Castle Lodge, they made it now one of the most successful Lodges in Surrey. I attended their last meeting when they dined 72.....yes that's correct, 72 dining at a normal Craft meeting, incredible!

W.Bro. Clive Goode carried out the double advancement superbly well and our new members were very appreciative and enjoyed every moment.

The future looks bright for Percy, and we are hopeful of more candidates to follow in the footsteps of John and Ben with the help of our Provincial Grand Master who has also joined Castle Lodge!



The festive board was excellent and thanks to the Worshipful Master, Clive Goode, for all his kindness, the cheese and port went down rather nicely!

Many thanks to our Official Visitor, W.Bro. Bernie Greenwood who took some pictures with his phone camera.....come back CWE all is forgiven!!!

Article by John French and photos by Bernie Greenwood





A Special Installation at Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

The Installation meeting of Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 808 was held at Surbiton Masonic Hall on Monday the 3rd of April 2023. Present was W.Bro. Mik Barnes, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and several visitors.

The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Wayne Lucas who welcomed our visitors. As it was the first meeting of Richmond Lodge since his appointment as Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Tim Ford, R.A.M.G.R., A.Prov.G.M. was saluted with 5 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed, the Worshipful Commander invited W.Bro. Tim Ford to conduct the Ceremony of Installation. W.Bro. Mik Barnes was invited to act as Senior Warden, W.Bro. Mike Ellis to act as Junior Warden and W.Bro. Garth Blanchard to act as Guardian.

W.Bro. Tim Ford then installed W.Bro. John Fleetwood as Worshipful Commander for the ensuing year in a most sincere manner. The Address to the Worshipful Commander was given in an excellent manner by W.Bro. Tim Ford.

W.Bro. John Fleetwood, R.A.M.G.R. was Elevated into Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in 1996 and was our Worshipful Commander in 1999. He is the father of the Lodge so it was fitting that he should be our Worshipful Commander nearly 100 years after the Lodge's Consecration. It is also planned that John will be our Worshipful Master for the Mark Lodge's Centenary celebrations in 2024.



John said that it was so pleasing to see how the Lodge has grown over the years from an old boys dining club with a handful of members to the strong vibrant Lodge it is today. Many thanks from all of us to John for his support for Richmond Lodge over the years.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last meeting, W.Bro. Chris Eley proposed and W.Bro. Tim Ford seconded a proposition that the Lodge makes R.W.Bro. Ian N Clark, Provincial Grand Master, an Honorary Member of the Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in recognition of all he has done for the Mark Province of Surrey over the past nine years. This was carried with acclaim.

The Lodge was then closed, and the Brethren of Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at Surbiton Masonic Hall.

Sussex by the Sea



The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex took place on Tuesday 11th April at The Charmandean Centre in Worthing. The Province was honoured by the presence of the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, seen here with his Escorting Officer, W.Bro. Adrian Cleightonhills, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.



After a rather wet journey down to the south coast the Surrey delegation were pleased to be able to enjoy the coffee and bacon butties.

There were honoured guests from many Provinces and other Masonic Orders in Sussex.



By 2.40 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 2.50 pm the Brethren were called to order by W.Bro. Mark Hoare, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Designate to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.

The meeting was called to order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies Designate, to receive the Provincial Officers of the year.

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Roger Richardson, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and the Keystone Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearers entered in procession.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Master then received a delegation of Royal Ark Mariners. Before approving the minutes of the previous meeting, those present remembered the Brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the last annual meeting.



The Pro Grand Master entered Provincial Grand Lodge in procession and was warmly welcomed by the Provincial Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master said how good it was to be in Sussex again and was saluted with eleven under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. This was followed by a rousing fanfare from the Organist. The Provincial Grand Master then individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders, thanking them for their support for Sussex Mark.



After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been completed, he announced the appointment of W.Bro. David Brian Dumigan, **P.A.G.D.C.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master and W.Bro. Adrian Leonard Verco, **P.G.J.D.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.



After appointing, investing or promoting the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year the Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. In his Address he said how good it was to have the support of Sussex Craft and Royal Arch for the Sussex Mark MBF Festival and invited the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, V.W.Bro. Chris Moore, **P.G.M.O.**, to receive a donation towards his 2028 Craft Festival, saying that this was a first instalment.



R.W.Bro. Roger congratulated all those appointed or promoted today and mentioned that the Keystone Bearer initiative was a great success in encouraging visiting across the Province.



The Pro Grand Master then retired from Provincial Grand Lodge and awaited everyone to join them in the bar. 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 Master, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession greeting their guests on the way out.



The Pro Grand Master thanked the Provincial Grand Master for the invitation to join his meeting and wished the Province well. There was obviously a lot of friendly rapport between M.W.Bro. John and R.W.Bro. Roger.

The Pro Grand Master was presented with a bottle of Sussex Gin in token of appreciation which was very much appreciated.

After the most enjoyable meal the Pro Grand Master retired from the dining room along with the other guests of the Province.

We all agreed that it was a most enjoyable day at Sussex by the Sea.

He spoke about the inter Province Cricket Match on the 17th of July hosted by Sussex at Ardingly College on Sunday the 23rd of June, encouraging everyone to attend and support this family day out. He hoped that Sussex will be able to regain the Trophy this year. The proceeds will go to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

He thanked the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for ensuring the day was such a success, and closed by reminding everyone that it was never a better time to join the Mark, encouraging everyone to promote our wonderful Order.



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



After refreshments the Brethren of the Province of Sussex and their guests sat down to a most convivial meal at the Charmandean Centre.

In proposing the toast to the Pro Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master thanked him for attending the meeting to support the Mark Province of Sussex.





A Visit to Pompey

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight took place on Saturday 15th

April at The Guildhall, Portsmouth. Unlike the weather we had in Sussex a few days earlier, it was a lovely sunny day.

We received a very warm welcome on our arrival from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight team led by R.W.Bro. George Deacon, the Provincial Grand Master.



well as other Orders in Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

We were all invited to a private reception



There were representatives from several Mark Provinces as



.....while the Provincial Director of Ceremonies and his team were rehearsing the processions before being called in for luncheon.



The Hampshire and Isle of Wight members and their guests enjoyed a most convivial lunch together.

We then made our way upstairs to get changed for the meeting.





The meeting was called to order to receive the Provincial Officers of the year accompanying the Provincial Grand Master, led by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.



The Provincial Grand Master individually welcomed the many representatives of other Provinces and Masonic Orders, thanking them for their support for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Province.



The Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. He said how pleased he was to be with everyone this year as sadly he was not able to attend last year's meeting. He thanked V.W.Bro. Brian Ridler, **P.G.M.O** for standing in at the last minute and doing an excellent job.

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 Master, together with members of the Past Executive, honoured guests and Provincial Officers then left the Temple in procession.

By 2.15 pm everyone was seated in the Temple. Just after 2.20 pm the Brethren were called to order to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Provincial Executive.



Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master who then received a deputation of the holders of Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, and also Worshipful Masters and Commanders of the Province.



After the business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been concluded, W.Bro. Anthony James Green was re-appointed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and W.Bro. Ian James Small was re-appointed as Assistant Provincial Grand Master. A total of 84 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank were announced.

