



A Candidate for Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners

The Installation meeting of the Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held at Surbiton on the 20th of April. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Nick Butterworth, who welcomed everyone.



W.Bro. Chris Eley, R.A.M.G.R., P.A.Prov.G.M., was saluted with five under the direction of Bro. Director of Ceremonies and responded appropriately.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been concluded, W.Bro. Nick Butterworth was Proclaimed as Worshipful Commander for second year by Bro. Director of Ceremonies and saluted with three.

The Officers for 2026-27 were appointed and those present were invested.

A ballot was taken for two candidates for Elevation, both members of Richmond Lodge of Mark Master Masons: Bro. Neil Gareth Jones-Lumby; and Bro. Mark Andrew Wells, who will be Elevated at a later meeting.



Brother Neil Jones-Lumby was Elevated by the Worshipful Commander, with assistance from W.Bro. Garth Blanchard who took over after the Obligation.

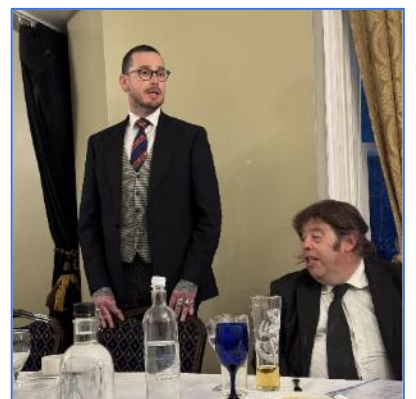
Pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last meeting, Bro. Scribe proposed that W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen be elected to Honorary Membership in recognition of all he had done for the Lodge over the years in respect of his charity work. This was carried by Acclaim.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and, after the customary photographs, we retired to the bar for refreshments.





Suitably refreshed we made our way into the Crescent Room for a most enjoyable Royal Ark Mariner festive board.



Richmond Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners is one of only a few RAM Lodges that hold a separate RAM installation meeting so the new Commander, as well as any candidates, can fully enjoy and appreciate this beautiful degree.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master's final Official Visit

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master's final Official Visit was to Bolingbroke Lodge in Croydon in March.

I can't say that Croydon is my favourite place to visit, but when it involves such an important event, needs must. The needs, however, in my forever glass half full life, were soon put to the rear as I had one of my best times ever at the Croydon Masonic Centre.



It was V.W.Bro. Bill Barr's final Official Visit after his three years as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. I have had the pleasure of working closely with him as his Secretary to the Mark Provincial Officers' Mess. I found him to be a man of integrity and always aware of those around him. This kind gentle man has the voice of a booming toastmaster, when needs be, as well as the patience to listen to others' views, and this role of toastmaster helped us both to work well together although I am now fully retired...I still have my red coat. I did a little research into the "Bolingbroke" name and found it referred to King Henry IV.



The afternoon commenced with the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge meeting; the Chair being taken at very short notice by W.Bro. Brian Cotton. He conducted the business of the agenda with appropriate efficiency.

He commenced with a friendly greeting to V.W. Bill Barr and the visitors, the accuracy of minutes was ratified, duly signed by V.W. Bro. Barr and the Commander.



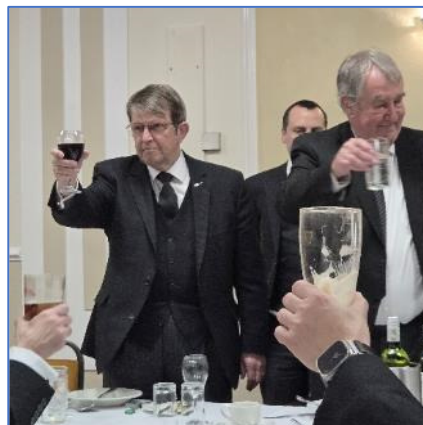
The Commander Elect and the Treasurer were so declared, and the Lodge business was concluded appropriately. We had a thirty-minute break for tea and coffee and then reassembled for the Mark Meeting.

We began with a moving eulogy for M.W.Bro. John Prizeman, delivered by V.W.Bro. Bill Barr, who had been previously paraded in with the usual display of ceremony. I did feel the solemnity and remembered with some fondness my meeting with this kind, gentle leader of our Order.



Mike's delivery was well interspersed with anecdotal deliveries presented with subtle humour.

If you have ever witnessed his presentations, you will know what I mean. It was very, very involving with an insight into the workings of the police force which only a serving man could tell us about. Absolutely riveting. Furthermore, he asked for questions which were very demanding and prompted him to say that he was quite taken by the depth of questions posed. It was a fascinating part of the business of the Lodge with its topics further discussed at the Festive Board after the meeting.



The food served was excellent with even my simple tastes catered for.

Thank you, catering staff, it was evident that you were there to please.

Thank you to the Lodge members for making us feel welcome. We had a lovely meal, a very, very interesting evening and it certainly was an event that filled my cup half full.

Thanks to Michael Fenech



The Installation Meeting of Pride of Surrey Lodge



In March the Pride of Surrey Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges were pleased to welcome W.Bro. John Massey, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, and several Officers of the year. There were also members of the Support Team who attended to assist the Lodge with an Advancent Ceremony later in the afternoon.



The afternoon started with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners which was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Paul Haycock, R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and the many visitors, thanking them for coming along to support the Pride of Surrey Lodge.



It was a short business meeting where Bro. Mark Carter was declared Worshipful Commander and W.Bro. Peter Kipps was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow.





The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Mark Carter, who again welcomed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and the many visitors. A Eulogy was given in memory of M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master.



The main item on the agenda was to install Bro. Anthony Edward De Boeck as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was conducted by W.Bro. Mark Carter. W.Bro. Tony was congratulated by our Assistant Provincial Grand Master who wished him an enjoyable and successful year as Worshipful Master.

The Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.



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



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



The Installation Meeting of Weald of Surrey Lodge



In April the Weald of Surrey Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges were pleased to welcome W.Bro. Paul Wicking, on his first Official Visit since his installation as Assistant Provincial Grand Master at the Annual Meeting in March. There were also several newly appointed Provincial Officers of the year.



The afternoon started with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners which was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Len Hiller, Prov.R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and the visitors, thanking them for coming along to support the Weald of Surrey Lodge.

It was a short business meeting where Bro. Alan Boniface was declared Worshipful Commander and W.Bro. David Lawrence was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Len Hiller, P.Prov.G.S.O.. who again welcomed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and the visitors. A Eulogy was given in memory of M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master. The main item on the agenda was to install W.Bro. Kevin Woodward, P.A.G.D.C., P.Prov.G.S.W., as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was conducted by W.Bro. Len Hiller assisted by one of their Honorary Members, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M., who gave the Address to the Master.



W.Bro. Kevin was congratulated by our Assistant Provincial Grand Master who wished him an enjoyable and successful year as Worshipful Master.



The Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Sutton Masonic Hall.





The Installation Meeting of Ditton Lodge



In April the Ditton Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges were pleased to welcome R.W.Bro. John French accompanied by several newly appointed Provincial Officers of the year.

The afternoon started with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners which was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Adam Spevack, Prov.R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and the visitors, thanking them for coming along to support Ditton Lodge.



It was a short business meeting where Bro. Ian Doy was declared Worshipful Commander and Bro. Michael Holohan was declared Treasurer for the ensuing year.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the acting Worshipful Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, **Pres.M.B.F., P.Prov.G.M.**, who again welcomed the Provincial Grand Master and the visitors. A Eulogy was given in memory of M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master; and V.W.Bro. Arnold Long, **P.G.J.O., P.A.Prov.G.M.**

The next item on the agenda was to ballot for Bro. Nicholas Gerald Coldham as a candidate for Advancement. This proved in his favour and Bro. Nicholas was Advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason by our Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge, and several visitors.



Afterwards our Provincial Grand Master welcomed Brother Nicholas into the Province of Surrey and into Ditton Mark Lodge, wishing him many happy years in our Order.

The next item on the agenda was to install W.Bro. Martin Baker as Master. This was again conducted by our Provincial Grand Master who worked hard for his supper that day, even presenting the Working Tools....

R.W.Bro. Ian Clark gave the Address to the Wardens; W.Bro. Gary Raggett to the Overseers ; and R.W.Bro. John French to the Brethren.

The Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Ditton RAM and Mark Lodges meet at Surbiton on the 1st Tuesday in September, the 4th Wednesday in November, and the 2nd Friday in April.

Any Brethren wishing to join their meetings should contact the Scribe/Secrerary. Roger Short, at rogershort@btinternet.com



Welcome Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges



In April the Welcome Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges were pleased to welcome several visitors who came along to assist the Mark Lodge with an Advancement ceremony.



The afternoon started with a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners which was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Max Woodward, who welcomed everyone, especially the visitors, thanking them for coming along to support Welcome Lodge.

It was a short business meeting where W.Bro. Max Woodward was proclaimed as Worshipful Commander for further year.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Hugh Everitt, P.Prov.G.J.O., P.Prov.G.S.W. (Middx), who again welcomed everyone. A Eulogy was given in memory of M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master.



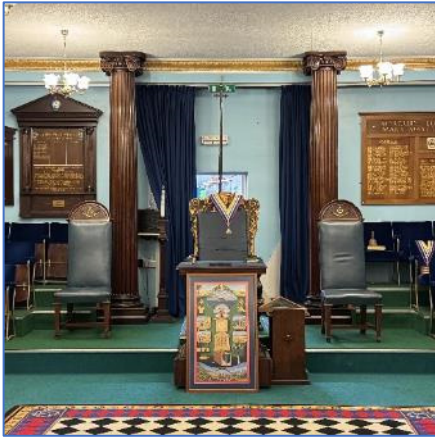
The next item on the agenda was to advance Bro. John Leonard Foster, a member of Lamborns Lodge and Triumvirate Chapter. Bro. John was Advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason by the Worshipful Master, assisted by the Officers of the Lodge and several visitors.



Visiting other Provinces

Brethren of the Province of Surrey are often invited to attend Mark meetings in other Provinces, where we are always made especially welcome.

Mercury Lodge of Mark Master Masons



Mercury Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 777 in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight is the Executive Lodge of the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Deacon. Several Surrey Mark Masons are members who regularly travel down to Botley in Hampshire to attend the meetings.



In March they held their Mark Installation meeting where W.Bro. Richard Batchelor was installed as the Worshipful Master. I know Richard well through other Orders as he is the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler in the Order of the Secret Monitor for Hampshire & Isle of Wight; and the Provincial Grand Summus in the Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord for Hampshire, Isle of Wight and The Channel Islands.



The morning began with the meeting of the Mercury Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 777 which was opened by the acting Worshipful Commander, our very own W.Bro. Mik Barnes, who welcomed everyone, especially the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Ian Small.



It was a short business meeting where the Worshipful Commander and Treasurer for the ensuing year were declared.

The Lodge was closed and we retired for coffee/tea while the Lodge was prepared for the Mark meeting to follow.



The Mark Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, V.W.Bro. Michael Sanders who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Tributes were given to M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master, and two other departed Brethren. M.W.Bro. John was the Provincial Grand Master of this Province before R.W.Bro. George Deacon, so it was an especially sad loss for the Province of Mampshire and Isle of Wight.



The main item on the agenda was to Install W.Bro. Richard Batchelor as Master. This was conducted in an excellent manner. Our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French, acted as Junior Warden; and our Past Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, **Pres.M.B.F.**, acted as Inner Guard.



After the Worshipful Master had appointed and invested his Officers, and the regular business of the Lodge had been completed, the Lodge was closed and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to a most enjoyable lunch together at the Brook House Masonic Centre, Botley.



The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex



The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex took place on Tuesday the 14th of April at The Charmandean Centre in Worthing.



After a good drive down to the sunny South Coast the Surrey delegation were pleased to be able to enjoy the coffee and get together with Brethren from Sussex and many other Provinces. 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, P.G.Stwd., Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, to receive the distinguished guests, including Right Worshipful Brethren and past members of the Sussex Provincial Executive.

The meeting was called to order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies to receive the Provincial Officers of the year. The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Roger Richardson, led by the Keystone Bearer and the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, 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, including our Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman. 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 re-appointment of W.Bro. David Brian Dumigan, **P.G.S.D.** as Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

After thanking W.Bro. Adrian Leonard Verco, **P.G.J.D.**, for all he has done for the Province as Assistant Provincial Grand Master he announced that he would be appointing W.Bro. Simon Larard, **P.G.Stwd.**, as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

W.Bro. Simon was Obligated, Invested, Installed, and Proclaimed, Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex.

After appointing or promoting his Officers for the ensuing year the Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge. In his Address he congratulated the newly appointed brethren and thanked them for their support. He thanked the Honoured Guests and Heads of Other Orders in Sussex for their support, and their hospitality when attending their Annual Meetings.

He congratulated those Brethren who will be receiving appointment or promotion in Grand Rank this year, as well as those Brethren appointed, reappointed or promoted today.



He said how good it was to have the support of the Sussex Craft at his Annual Meeting and invited the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, Bro. Neil Austin, to receive a donation of £2,000 towards his 2028 Craft Festival.

He then invited the Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, R.W.Bro. George Deacon, to come forward to receive a donation of £2,000 toward his



2026 MBF Festival. Bro. Neil and R.W.Bro. George both thanked the Provincial Grand Master and the brethren of the Mark Province of Sussex for their kind donations.

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 left the Temple in procession, greeting their guests on the way out.



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.

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





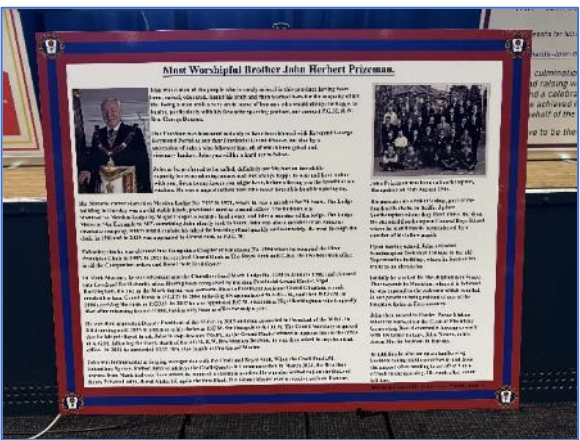
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight



The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight took place on Saturday the 18th of April at The Guildhall, Portsmouth. We received a very warm welcome on our arrival from R.W.Bro. George Deacon, the Provincial Grand Master, and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight team.



The morning started with refreshments and a chance to catch up with everyone from the other Provinces, and other Orders in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. We were then called downstairs to the main hall where the meeting was being held. Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Deacon.



A delegation of Provincial Royal Ark Mariners was then received, led by the Worshipful Masters of the Province. The next item was to honour the names of those brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above since the previous Annual Meeting, with special memories of M.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, Pro Grand Master, the Past Provincial Grand Master of this Province. The Distinguished Guests were then welcomed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Lodge had been concluded the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master had much pleasure in re-appointing W.Bro. Ian James Small, **P.G.J.D.**, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and V.W.Bro. John Burrell, **P.G.J.O.**, and V.W.Bro. Adrian Cleightonhills, **P.G.J.O.**, as Assistant



Provincial Grand Masters. The Provincial Grand Officers of the year were then appointed and invested. The Provincial Grand Master said a special thank-you to his outgoing Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. David Ryan, for all his support over the years.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master addressed Provincial Grand Lodge where he thanked everyone for attending to support the Province. He had much pleasure in presenting a Certificate to V.W.Bro. Andrew John Spencer for 60 years' outstanding service and commitment to the Order.

R.W.Bro. George received several donations from other Provinces, and other Orders in Hampshire and Isle of Wight towards his 2026 MBF Festival. He then had much pleasure in presenting a donation of £5,000 towards the Somerset MBF Festival.

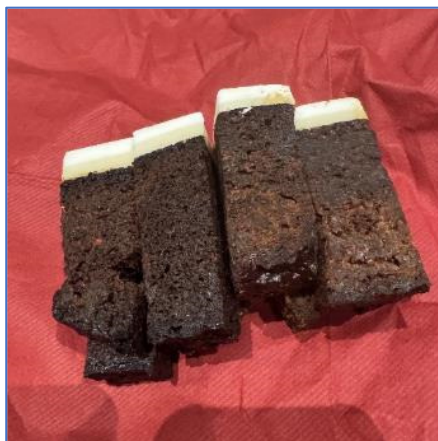


Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and we retired for refreshments before going down to dine. It was good to see the dining room so full.





A special cake was again baked by V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, to raise funds for the 2026 MBF Festival. R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, Past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of London, organised a game of Heads and Tails, with V.W.Bro. Chris Eley of Surrey flipping the coin.



Afterwards a special cake was presented to R.W.Bro. George as a gift from V.W.Bro. Jerry.



In the reply to his Toast R.W.Bro. George again thanked everyone for attending to make it another special day for the Mark Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.



Magic of the Mark Greek Night

Saturday the 20th of June 2026 at The Greek Vine Restaurant, Wallington

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

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Magic of the Mark

Surrey Provincial Greek Night

Saturday 20th June 2026

Arrival 6:30pm Dinner 7:00pm

The Greek Vine Restaurant
Rose Parade, Wallington, SM14 8QF

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

PRICE £28 per person (inc. gratuity)	CAPACITY 125 please arrive early	DRESS CODE Summer Casual Cool and comfy
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Family, friends & prospective candidates all welcome

The Greek Vine is exclusively ours for the evening

Surrey Mark Charity Ball

Saturday the 24th of October 2026 at the Wotton House Hotel, Dorking

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

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

Drinks reception • Three-course dinner • Entertainment • Dancing

PRICE £89 per person	DRESS CODE Black Tie Lounge suit alternative welcome	PRESENTED BY Surrey Mark Benevolent Fund
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Family, friends & guests all warmly welcome

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