



A Record Breaking Day at Bond of Friendship Mark

On Saturday the 2nd of May at Croydon, Bond of Friendship entered the record books. Eight candidates were Advanced in two coordinated ceremonies with many Lodge members contributing. Whilst there have been mass ceremonies at Mark Masons Hall where candidates come from a new jurisdiction, it is believed that this is the first time a Lodge has Advanced so many brethren who have been recruited by individual members.

With over fifty brethren present, the Lodge used the space of the biggest Temple at Croydon. W.Bro. Mike Neville acted as Senior Deacon and marched the candidates around the lodge in two ranks. The fun element was provided with Bro. Dave Bull, the Junior Warden, with his executioner's mask and fancy dress. The good future of the Lodge was demonstrated with two newer brethren, Bro. Nick Tamila and Bro. Tom Sprawson presenting the Working Tools, and then interesting sections of the Mark Tracing Board.

One of the candidates later noted how he had decided to join the Mark after enjoying a Lodge Curry Night. An American brother was convinced to join after attending one of Mike Neville's Masonic walks, highlighting the importance of a busy social calendar to attract candidates. The Provincial Grand Master congratulated all involved in recruitment and ritual.

Following the Lodge meeting, Revd. Bro. David Gilmore led a service of remembrance for W.Bro. Harry Winter, the 103-year-old RAF veteran who was an Honorary Member until his sad death in February. Bro. Drum Major Mike Price, smartly dressed as a Welsh Guardsman, played the bugle calls Last Post and Rouse to further enhance the proceedings.



Following this solemn service, the fun element returned and the Lodge enjoyed a WW2 / RAF themed Festive Board in honour of Harry, with military drumming and flute tunes played by S E London Army Cadet Corps of Drums. War time songs were also sung with great gusto. The proceeding, and, unfortunately the singing, continued in the bar for several hours afterwards. Two guests described the proceedings as the best Masonic meeting they have ever attended.

The next meeting is the Royal Ark Mariner stand alone meeting on Saturday the 12th of September with an Installation and a triple Elevation. The next Mark meeting is the Installation on Saturday the 28th of November followed by a White Table dinner with a Cockney Knees Up theme. Entertainment will be provided by the Pearly Queen of St Pancras, organised by W.Bro. Norman Jones. **For further information on attending, email WBro Neville on nrmikeneville@aol.com** *Thanks to Mike Neville*

Richmond Royal Ark Mariner and Mark Lodges



The Richmond Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge meetings were held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall on the 15th of June 2026.

The Lodge was opened by the Acting Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Garth Blanchard, Prov.R.A.M.G.R., who welcomed everyone, especially our Official Visitor, W.Bro. John Rollason, Prov.R.A.M.G.R., who represented the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. W.Bro. John was saluted with three under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.

The main item on the agenda was to Elevate Brother Mark Andrew Wells who was balloted for at the previous meeting. Brother Mark was Elevated by the Worshipful Commander, with assistance from W.Bro. John Rollason who presented the Working Tools.



The Lodge was closed, and the Temple rearranged for the Mark meeting that followed. The Acting Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Wayne Lucas, opened the Lodge. R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes, P.G.J.W., P.Dep.Prov.G.M., was saluted with 7 and responded appropriately



W.Bro. John Rollason, P.Prov.G.M.O., Official Visitor, was saluted with 3 under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies and responded appropriately.

W.Bro. John was invited to present a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro Mark Wells, which he did in a very informative manner.



The next item was to elect the Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Tony Mullard and W.Bro. John Fitzgerald being presently the only members nominated for these offices, and no member calling for a ballot, the Worshipful Master declared the election in favour of the nominated Brethren.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion given at the last meeting, Bro. Secretary proposed that V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen, **P.G.M.O.**, P.A.Prov.G.M. (London), be elected to

Honorary Membership in recognition of all he had done for the Lodge over the years for the MBF, the Province, and our Lodge, in respect of his charity work baking his famous rum cakes. This was carried with acclamation.



The Lodge was closed, and we retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal together



Rose Lodge



A very productive meeting for Rose RAM and Mark Lodge when W.Bro. Eric Trodd became a joining member.

Bro Colin Beerling, who attended as a guest, also decided to become a joining member and his application will be read out at their next meeting on the first Saturday in October starting at 11am.



They are also hopeful of welcoming a raiding party from any Lodge who wish to prize the Travelling Keystone away from them, albeit they have become quite attached to it!

Ian Neve, a member of Pride of Surrey Council, which meets at Sutton was flying the Allied flag at his Rose Mark Lodge festive board in Surbiton.



Thanks to John French

Farewell to Alan Zimon

It was with great sadness we learnt of the passing of W.Bro. Alan Raymond Zimon (Zimmo) on the 13th of July 2026.

Zimmo was born on the 24th of June 1952 and was a kitchen fitter and builder by profession. He was initiated into Coronation Lodge in London in May 1987 and was a member of four other Craft Lodges and two Royal Arch Chapters. He was appointed Provincial Grand Steward in Surrey in 2017 and promoted to Senior London Grand Rank in 2020.

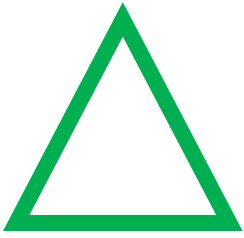
He was exalted into Cyclist Chapter in June 1989, and M.E.Z. of Viator Chapter in 2011. He was Scribe E of Viator Chapter from 2013 to 2026. In the Royal Arch he held the rank of Senior London Grand Chapter Rank.

He was also a member of several Mark and Royal Ark Mariner lodges having been Advanced into Kintore Lodge in March 1995 and Elevated into Kintore Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in November the same year. He held the rank of Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer in the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in the RAM

Zimmo, who was also a member of Knights Templar, Red Cross of Constantine, Royal and Select Masters and the Allied Masonic Degrees, enjoyed his Masonry to the full until ill health stopped him attending.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.





Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Mark Master Masons



The Woodstock Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners and Lodge of Mark Master Masons met at Surbiton on Thursday the 11th of June.

The afternoon began with the Royal Ark Mariner meeting which was opened by the Avring Worshipful Commander, W.Bro Wayne Lucas, who welcomed everyone.

After the regular business of the Lodge had been completed, W.Bro. Andrew Bushe was inducted as Worshipful Commander.

After he had appointed and invested his Officers the Lodge was closed and the Temple re-arranged for the short Mark meeting that followed.



W.Bro. Wayne Lucas, Prov.A.G.Sec., opened the Lodge. W.Bro. David Barden, P.G.S.D., was declared Worshipful Master and W.Bro. Garry Lewis, P.Prov.G.I.G., as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Lodge was closed and the brethren retired to bar before sitting down to dine at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.



Thanks to Wayne Lucas for the photos

Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge



In June the Installation meeting of the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 1219 was held at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

The meeting was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Mik Barnes, **R.A.M.G.R.**, who welcomed everyone, especially our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John French.

Several joining members were successfully balloted for and were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Commander.

The Lodge Banner was then paraded round the Lodge, and the Junior Warden gave an Address.

W.Bro. Mik Barnes then installed W.Bro. Ray Seeley, **R.A.M.G.R.**, as Worshipful Commander of the Lodge in a most sincere manner. The Address to the Commander was given by W.Bro. Mik Barnes in his usual professional way.



W.Bro. Ray was congratulated by R.W.Bro. John French who wished him a successful and enjoyable year.-



The Lodge was closed, and the Temple re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow, while the rest of us retired to the bar for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge

After a short break for tea a Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Bill Barr, P.G.J.O., P.Dep.Prov.G.M., who welcomed all the honoured guests and visitors.



Several joining members were successfully balloted for, and were welcomed into the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

V.W.Bro. Richard Knox, **P.G.J.O.**, P.A.Prov.G.M., was elected as the Worshipful Master and V.W.Bro. Ray Seeley, **P.G.J.O.**, Prov.G.Treas., was elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.



R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, our Past Provincial Grand Master, had much pleasure in presenting W.Bro. Alan Brockwell with a Grand Patron Gold collarette, thanking him for his support for the M.B.F.





After the Lodge was closed the Brethren of the Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge and their guests retired to the bar for refreshments before sitting down to an enjoyable meal in the Elizabethan Suite at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

All Installed Masters are encouraged to join the Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge No 1219; likewise, all Installed Commanders are encouraged to join the Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge No 1219. Both Lodges meet on the same day at the Surbiton Masonic Centre.

Joining these Lodges will not only afford you an enjoyable means of increasing your Masonic knowledge but also give you the opportunity of meeting other installed Masters and Commanders from all parts of the Province. You will hear many eminent speakers giving addresses and answering questions on matters of Mark and Royal Ark Mariner interest and, from time to time, you will witness demonstrations and presentations of particular workings of these and related ceremonies.

The Lodges meet twice a year, on the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 4th Thursday in September.



Magic of the Mark Surrey Provincial Greek Night



On Saturday the 20th of June we held a Greek Night at the Greek Vine Restaurant in Wallington organised as a "Magic of the Mark" event to aid recruitment into the Mark Degree. It was an informal evening of Hellenic celebration with meze, plate smashing, Greek dancing & disco.

An ideal opportunity to invite friends from our Craft Lodges, along with their partners, and introduce them to the magic of the Mark Degree.





Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons

The Almoner's Lodge



The meeting of the Loyalty Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the Almoner's Lodge, held at Nutfield on Wednesday the 15th of July was another special event in the life of this new Lodge in that our Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Paul Wicking, P.G.J.D., installed V.W.Bro. David Blackburn, P.G.S.O., as Worshipful Master.



Also present was R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, Pres.M.B.F., our Past Provincial Grand Master, and R.W.Bro. John French, our Provincial Grand Master. David, Paul and Ian used to work together in the Police Force.



Thanks to John French

Fratres Calami Aerariique

The Surrey Mark Secretaries', Treasurers', and DC's Lodge.



The Installation meeting of the Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1704 was held at Surbiton on Monday the 20th of July 2026.

The Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Michael Prentice, P.G.St.B., opened the Lodge and welcomed the members and guests. A Dispensation was read by the Secretary for a change of meeting location, and the minutes were approved

W.Bro. Michael Fenech, Prov.G.J.W., was presented to W.Bro. Michael Prentice by the Director of Ceremonies.

W.Bro. Michael Fenech recited his Obligation; a Board of Installed Masters was opened; and W.Bro. Michael Prentice installed W.Bro. Michael Fenech into the Chair of Fratres Calami Aerariique Lodge of Mark Master Masons in a very sincere and personal manner.

The Address to the Master was given by W.Bro. Michael Prentice; to the Wardens by W.Bro. Paul Wicking; to the Overseers by R.W.Bro. Mik Barnes; and to the Brethren by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark. The Officers of the Lodge were then appointed and invested.



After the regular business of the Lodge had been concluded the Lodge was closed, and we all retired to the bar before going into the dining room for a convivial meal together.



Weyside Lodge

In April, Weyside Lodge held a couple of most enjoyable meetings. Present was our Provincial Grand Master, and our Deputy Provincial Grand Master who was making an Executive Visit to the Lodge.



In the Mark they welcomed as a joining member, Bro Andrew Francis of Lodge of Glasgow St John No. 32, and Installed W.Bro. Graham Rawlinson as Worshipful Master.

In the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge they Elevated Bros. Stephen Barney and Iain Pompei, both members of Weyside Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 442.



Thanks to John French

The League of Mercy Foundation Awards 2026

The League of Mercy was founded on 30th of March 1899 by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria. It was instigated by the Prince of Wales who became its first Grand President. Subsequently two further Princes of Wales (George V and Edward VIII) succeeded him in this office; finally, HRH Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester took over.

The object of the League was to establish a large body of voluntary workers who would assist with the maintenance of voluntary hospitals and 'otherwise relieve sickness and suffering'.

When the 1948 National Health Act abolished these hospitals, the League was quietly wound up after performing its task extraordinarily well for nearly half a century.

Central to the annual activities of the League was a notable ceremony at which about fifty people each received a medal known as the Order of Mercy. These were bestowed 'as a reward for personal services gratuitously rendered in connection with the purposes for which the League was established'.

The League of Mercy was re-founded as a UK registered charity on the 30th of March 1999, exactly one hundred years to the day after its first establishment.

Its current trustees, all of whom have a wide range of experience in charitable voluntary work in various health areas, undertook its renewal as a personal Millennium project. All give their services to the League entirely for free.

In September 2010 in a ceremony at Armourers' Hall in the City of London, HRH Princess Michael of Kent was invested with the Companion's Badge of the League of Mercy in recognition of her wide-ranging and distinguished voluntary work within the League's areas of care.

Congratulations to Mrs Carol Lewis who was recently awarded The Order of Mercy for her work with the Swishes Charity in Surrey.

There to see Carol receive her award was W.Bro. Garry Lewis of Woodstock Grape and Grain Lodge and R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, President of the M.B.F., our Past Provincial Grand Master.



**Bond of Friendship Mark No. 1576
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Saturday 24th October 2026

ARRIVAL	DINNER	CARRIAGES
6:30pm	7:00pm	Midnight

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