



Mark Provincial Times

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Welcome from Ian Vincent

Welcome to the twenty eighth edition of the Monthly Newsletter for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Hampshire and Isle of Wight. I hope you enjoy this edition, and you find it informative and useful. If you have any comments, please contact me at newsletter@hants-iow-mark.org

Don't forget the Provincial Grand Lodge for Mark Master Masons for Hampshire and Isle of Wight has a website containing a lot of information. Please visit the website at this [link](#) Also a reminder that The Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight for Mark Master Masons has its own [Facebook Group](#).

Mark Grand Lodge - New Rulers Installed 13 September 2022



The Pro Grand Master – M.W. Bro. John Herbert Prizeman

On Tuesday 13 September 2022 a large contingent of Hampshire & IOW Mark Master Masons (60 of whom dined after) attended Mark Grand Lodge at Great Queen Street where we witnessed our own M.W. Bro. John Prizeman being Installed as Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master in the Mark Degree.

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Sadly, the Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, was unable to be present for reasons we all know but M.W. Bro. Raymond John Smith, the outgoing Pro Grand Master was an ample and worthy substitute installing not only M.W. Bro. John but also as Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Francis Charles Spencer and as Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro. Professor Denovan Keith Wilson.

Afterwards M.W. Bro. John was pleased to invest all those promoted in Grand Rank, which included R.W. Bro. Jon Whitaker, PGJW, V.W. Bro. David Ford PGJO, W. Bro. David Workman, PGJD and W. Bro. Peter Brown PGJD. After the meeting, we were treated to an excellent meal in the Connaught Rooms with accompanying music from a small chamber orchestra on the balcony finishing with a rousing Trumpet duo walking among us.



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Provincial Visit to Loveland Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 674 on 6 September 2022



The first official visit since the summer break was made to Loveland Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in Winchester on Tuesday 6 September. The Provincial Grand Master, supported by the Deputy PGM, the Assistant PGM and 28 other Provincial Officers were entertained with a very good Elevation of a new Brother. After an enjoyable dinner the Commander presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a sum of £200 towards the 2026 MBF Festival.

W.Bro. Ron Griffiths, Prov.G.J.W.

Provincial Visit to The Albany Lodge T.I. on 20 September 2022



On 20 September 2022 was the Provincial Grand Masters official visit to The Albany Lodge T.I. Mark Master Masons on the South Island accompanied by the Dep. PGM and 16 Provincial Officers.

As usual the hospitality was very warm and friendly, and we witnessed a new Brother being Advanced into this wonderful friendly degree. The working was, in the words of the PGM "almost perfect" as he congratulated the WM and his team.

Two Grand Lodge certificates and a 40-year certificate were presented by the PGM and with this Advancee, and two more balloted on the night, the Lodge with a long and colourful history, continues to go from strength to strength. At dinner the PGM was presented with a cheque for £500 for the 2026 MBF Festival.

A great night was had by all.

W.Bro. Ron Griffiths, Prov.G.J.W.

Provincial Visit to the PGM's Lodge of Instruction East in Cosham on 28 September 2022



On Wednesday 28 September 2022 the Provincial Grand Master accompanied by the Dep. PGM and Asst. PGM and numerous Provincial Officers attended PGM's RAM Lodge of Instruction East for their Festival. We witnessed an excellent demonstration of an Elevation followed by 4 senior brethren presenting the Tracing Board. Afterwards at the Festive Board the acting Commander presented a cheque for £500 for the 2026 MBF Festival. A remarkable amount bearing in mind this LOI Lodge only get a chance to raise money at their annual Festival.

W.Bro. Ron Griffiths, Prov.G.J.W.

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight on Saturday 15 April at The Guildhall, Portsmouth

A date for your diary!

Next year the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight celebrates its 150th Anniversary at the Annual Provincial Meeting in Portsmouth on Saturday, **15 April 2023**. Details to follow but it promises to be a "grand day out"!

Annual Festival of the Grand Master's Lodges of Instruction for Mark Master Masons and Members of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner

Another date for your diary!

Next year's Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, **21 June 2023**, at Sherwoods of Eastleigh, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 9HT, at which there will be a demonstration of the Elevation and Advancement Ceremonies. The meeting will be followed by a Festival Dinner.

The Festival President is R.W. Bro. George John Deacon, Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

Information and application forms for the 2023 Annual Festival will be available in due course.

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