



Mark Provincial Times

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Welcome from Ian Vincent

Welcome to the sixth 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](#).

Provincial Wardens donation to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust



W.Bro. Ian Vincent, P.Prov.G.J.W. visited the Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover, just before the recent lockdown, to present Michele Gard, Trust Director at the Hospice with a cheque for £1,500. This was his chosen Charity for half of the donations to last year's Wardens Swindle (2019/20). W.Bro. Barry Wilkinson, P.Prov.G.S.W. is donating his half of the Wardens Swindle to The Rainbow Centre in Fareham for children, adults and families affected by neurological conditions. Both Barry and Ian express their thanks to all the Mark Brethren who supported them during their year in Office.

Wyndham Lodge of Mark Masters No.37 at their October Meeting



Wyndham Lodge of Mark Masters No.37 recently held their October meeting at the Masonic Hall, Andover under the "rule of six". Following a Dispensation from Mark Masons Hall the Lodge was able to elect and install the Worshipful Master at a rearranged Installation Meeting. W.Bro. John Smith, remained in the chair for a further year along with his Officers. The picture above shows (from left to right) W.Bro. Tony Green, P.G.J.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Bro. David Tilling, Master Overseer, W.Bro. John Smith, Worshipful Master, Bro. Martin Patrick, Junior Overseer, and W.Bro. Terry Rawsthorne, Prov.G.S.D., Director of Ceremonies. W.Bro. Ian Vincent, P.Prov.G.J.W., Secretary, is behind the camera!

Regular Giving

In these worrying times it is not easy to have charitable giving at the forefront of your minds. Nevertheless, the phenomenal work of the Mark Benevolent Fund goes on regardless. Of course, there is much more focus at present on helping needy Mark and RAM Brethren and their families.

In the absence of Masonic meetings and gatherings the opportunity to make your donations to charity has diminished. In light of this I would ask Brethren to consider becoming Regular Givers to the MBF. We currently have 14% of the Mark Masons in Hampshire and Isle of Wight who are Regular Givers. You can still make your donations by single payments. Both types of giving will, of course, count towards your personal patronage honorifics as well as the 2026 MBF Festival this Province will host. But most importantly if the Coronavirus is having an adverse effect on your finances please, please, please ignore this request!

Both Regular Giving and Single Donation forms are available at this [link](#). If you're not sure of your MMH number don't hesitate to contact me by 'phone or e-mail and I'll let you know it straight away. My sincere thanks to you all for your continued commitment.

W.Bro. Nigel Wilkinson, Provincial Charity Steward

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Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly

A note for your diary. The Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Assembly for 2021 will be a virtual meeting on Saturday 16 January 2021, similar to the Mark Provincial Meeting. It will be broadcast live on Facebook. More details to follow.

Brain Teaser Quiz

Brethren, please look out for V.W.Bro. David Smith's Brain Teaser Quiz which will be coming out to Lodge Secretaries very soon. It is in aid of the 2026 Festival and Mark Benevolent Fund with a suggested entry fee of £5. There are two prizes available and is open to everyone (family, friends, and neighbours). Good luck!

153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival 2021



The Provincial Grand Master for the Province of East Lancashire has the honour of presiding over the 153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival. Festival Badges costing £10 are now available from members of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Executive including the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Wardens, Provincial Grand Charity Steward, and the Provincial Grand Treasurer. If you send them £11, which includes postage, they can post one to you.

Please support the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Province of East Lancashire by purchasing a badge.

Distribution of Mark Benevolent Fund Honorifics

Mark Benevolent Fund honorifics are currently being distributed around the Province by the Mark Executive Team as there are a great number of awards to distribute. Sadly, due to the current prevailing difficulties it has been impossible to make all these presentations in open Lodge. It is however an ideal opportunity when receiving your award to have £10 to hand in order that you can purchase a Festival badge.

The Provincial Grand Master wishes to thank all the Brethren for their continued fantastic support for the Mark Benevolent Fund and the 2026 Festival.

Provincial Grand Wardens Swindle

Don't forget that our Provincial Grand Wardens have created a new 100 Club Draw. Tickets are £10 each and you can purchase as many as you like. The Draw is held live on our Facebook Group. So far you have helped them raise funds towards the 2026 Festival and non-masonic charities. Full details of this Draw can be obtained from Patrick Burridge, Provincial Senior Warden or Richard Cox, Provincial Junior Warden.

Mark and RAM Masonry following Lockdown

The Provincial Grand Master is keen to hear about meetings which have taken place prior to the current lockdown. When we get back to some form of normality, this Newsletter is an ideal way to advertise your meetings and afterwards publish what took place (with any pictures you may have). Please forward them to newsletter@hants-iow-mark.org and they will be included in future editions of the Newsletter.