



Mark Provincial Times

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Welcome from Ian Vincent

Welcome to the thirteenth 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](#).

2026 Festival Jewel – Have you got yours yet?



Our Provincial Charity Steward has published a guide to how you can support the Mark Benevolent Fund as we head towards our 2026 Festival. Find the guide [here](#) and other relevant forms on our charity page [here](#). Indeed, any individual that does make their first donation to the MBF for a Festival Jewel under this scheme will automatically qualify as a Life Governor of the MBF for which you will receive a breast jewel. You will therefore receive both your Life Governor jewel and the Festival jewel. Two for the price of one? That's a bargain!

STOP PRESS - Devonshire Province of MMM have made a very generous donation of £5000.00 in support of our 2026 Festival for which we are absolutely delighted, and we thank the brethren of Devonshire for their early support.

Regalia Shop

Have you got any spare regalia? Ian Glister has volunteered to run a pre-owned Regalia Shop in this Province with the proceeds going to the 2026 MBF Festival. Please get in touch with Ian Glister at pglmmmhantsiow@outlook.com. Items will be sold at a fair price and the purchaser will be asked to make the payment in favour of the MBF. If they are a taxpayer and they complete a Gift Aid form for one-off payments, it will not only boost the donation by 25% but also count towards their personal honorifics.

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Installation Meeting of Wyndham Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 37



Wyndham Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No.37 held their Installation meeting on Wednesday 26 May under the "Rule of Six". W.Bro. Malcolm Lloyd, RAMGR, installed his successor as Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Niall Barry-Walsh, in an excellent ceremony, albeit socially distanced.

He was ably assisted by W.Bro. Brian Ridler, RAMGR, DPGM, W.Bro. Tony Green, RAMGR, APGM, W.Bro. Terry Rawsthorne, ProvRAMGR, and W.Bro. Ian Vincent, ProvRAMGR. W.Bro. John Smith, ProvRAMGR acted as Warder for the evening.

The Address to the Worshipful Commander was given by W.Bro. Brian Ridler, RAMGR, DPGM.

W.Bro. Ian Vincent, ProvRAMGR

Calendar of Events on the Mark Provincial Website

We now have an Events Calendar on the Provincial website. If your Lodge wishes to publicise a special Mark or RAM event, please provide the Title, Date, Start time, Description and Location to newsletter@hants-iow-mark.org and we will then create the event on the website.

In addition, I know that the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Assistant Provincial Grand Master are eager to return to regular Meetings to enable them to present long service Certificates to our very Loyal Brethren, one being a 60 year certificate in Mark and RAM.

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Clanfield Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1385



“The best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men, gang aft a-gley”. Thus, wrote Rabbin Burns in his poem, To a Mouse. These words came to mind when the plans set in place to hold a face-to-face meeting in May, and at which Bro Nick Milburn would have been installed into the Chair of Adoniram, were thwarted for a number of reasons.

A Virtual Business Meeting at which the Provincial Grand Master and a small team of Provincial Officers attended was held in lieu of the aforementioned face-to-face meeting. After the meeting had been opened by the Presiding Officer and Worshipful Master, W Bro Nick Brier, the Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W Bro David Ryan, introduced the PGM to the Lodge who in turn introduced each of his team. Although, as a member of the Lodge, the PGM did not require any such introduction!

Following the business of the evening, the Presiding Officer made a donation of £200.00 on behalf of all Lodge members toward the 2026 MBF Festival that was gratefully received. The PGM addressed the Lodge members and provided a welcome and informative insight to the plans being set in place by the Provincial Executive for a return to meetings, and this includes an installation meeting to be held at Botley later in the year. He concluded by thanking the Lodge membership for the continued support given to the Mark Degree in general and the Province in particular throughout the period of various lockdowns. He reminded all of the 2026 MBF Festival and acknowledged that some Lodge members had qualified as Festival Stewards. (A post meeting note: the festival jewels have now been received and will be worn with pride in September.)

The Lodge is looking forward to a resumption of normal meetings in September and will start with Bro Nick’s installation; this after an eighteen month wait. The regular meeting on Monday 23rd May 2022 will see the Lodge celebrate its 50th anniversary. Planning is underway to celebrate that milestone and to ensure a memorable and enjoyable meeting for all lodge members and guests alike.

It’s therefore onward and upward with a hope that the plans of both mice and men do this time come to fruition.

W.Bro. Chris Brier PAGDC, Secretary

John Pounds Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 809



Another really good virtual business zoom meeting on Tuesday 8 June 2021, with the Worshipful Master & Brethren of John Pounds Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 809. Our Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro George J Deacon addressed the Brethren of this wonderful old lodge, who are just 3 years away from celebrating their centenary.

Our PGM also thanked all the Brethren from John Pounds Lodge and also all the Brethren around our Province for their fantastic support with the 2026 Festival. It was good to see you all Brethren. Stay safe and hopefully we will all be able to meet up again very soon.

W.Bro. Brian Durrant, Prov.G.J.D.

Hants and IoW Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1796



W.Bro. Richard Cox, Prov.G.S.W., reported on the meeting of Hants and IoW Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 1796 at Botley on Monday 14 June 2021. They met under the "Rule of Six". W.Bro. Richard then rushed home to appear on Monday evenings Facebook Live Event with W.Bro. Sam Slade, Prov.G.J.W. - Dedicated Masons!

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