



Mark Provincial Times

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Welcome from Ian Vincent

Welcome to the fifteenth 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](#).

Active Grand Officers at the Mark Investiture Meeting



W.Bro. Adrian Cleightonhills, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Malcolm Lloyd, Grand Senior Deacon, R.W.Bro. John H. Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master, W.Bro. Steven Groeger, Grand Junior Deacon

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Investiture Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire & Isle of Wight



The Investiture meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was held at The Botley Masonic Centre, Brook House, Botley on Saturday 7th August 2021. Due to the limited space in the Temple and Festive Board attendance was by invitation only.

During the meeting The Provincial Grand Master presented W.Bro. Malcolm Slater with a Provincial Silver Token for Outstanding Service to the Mark Degree. To the Provincial Grand Masters surprise the Deputy Grand Master presented him with a 40-year certificate! A number of MBF collarettes were also presented at the meeting.

The Provincial Grand Master had a further surprise when W.Bro. Jonathon Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master in the Craft, presented the Provincial Grand Master with a cheque for £5,000 for the 2026 Festival, and also as Ruler of the Royal Order of Scotland, he presented a cheque for £750. The Provincial Grand Master thanked him for the wonderful amounts towards the 2026 Festival.

A collection was made at the end of the meeting and the total collected was £596.10 of which £542.00 was gift aided giving a Grand total of £731.60 including Gift Aid.

PGM's Address at the 2021 Investiture Meeting

Brethren,

This Address will be relatively short as I gave my Address to the Province at our Zoom meeting in April. I have already welcomed our Distinguished Guests and I thank you all for attending in such large numbers considering the restrictions imposed on Dining today.

Today is about formally obligating and investing the Assistant Provincial Grand Master and to personally invest the Provincial Wardens and those Provincial Officers present today. It's also pleasing to be able to present V W. Bro Peter Lewis with his Past Asst PGM's Collarette and to thank him personally for his invaluable services to this Province.

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Brethren, we have a lot of work ahead of us and we need to make up for lost time. We have Lodges who will be finding it difficult to continue for the next few years until we can get back to recruiting and bringing in new Members. All I ask is, please give support to these Lodges and help them through this difficult period. Some of those Lodges have a wonderful History and it would be a shame to lose them without giving them our support.

In September, Hindhead Lodge of MMM will be celebrating 75 years in existence and following the Installation of Richard Cox as Master, the Warrant of the Lodge will be formally handed to him and the 20 new Members of the Lodge which will then become a "Fine Dining Lodge" with Membership by invitation.

This year is going to be very busy for the Provincial Team with many Official visits including Anniversary Celebrations, Banner dedications and not forgetting the "Festival Draw" visits where the Provincial Team are to carry out an Advancement and Elevation Ceremony, we have already received a fantastic amount for Charity and again I look forward to your support on the day.

Brethren, we are now only 5 years away from the 2026 MBF Festival and the Festival Committee are now able to spring into action following the lifting of the Lockdown, so please give your support to the events coming up, the Regular giving and Festival Jewels which are available online or through the Provincial Charity Stewards. I am very pleased to say that next year's Annual Meeting will be held at Portsmouth Guildhall on Easter Saturday, and I look forward to good attendance on the day.

Brethren, these meetings don't just happen, a lot of work has gone on behind the scenes and so I wish to thank Simon and the Secretariat and Adrian and his Ceremonial Team for today, not forgetting Mark and the Catering Staff for their support today. Lastly my thanks to the Brook House Centre for all the continued hard work to enable us to attend safely today.

Thank you and God Bless you all.

R.W.Bro. George J. Deacon, Provincial Grand Master

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!

Devonshire Province of MMM have already 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.

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2026 Festival Memorabilia



Now that the festival has started to gain momentum, we are pleased to inform you all that we now have a "Festival Tie" and "Festival cufflinks". The cost of the items are as follows; the tie is £12.00, and the Cufflinks are £13.00 a pair. The Provincial Grand Treasurer has agreed that both may be purchased for the bargain price of £25!

The new tie will not in any way replace the Mark or the RAM tie, however it can be worn at both Mark and RAM meetings by courtesy of our Provincial Grand Master. Distribution of both items will be either from W.Bro. Bob Brown or our Festival Chairman W.Bro. John Burrell. For Brethren on the I.O.W. this will be via W.Bro. Adrian Bolton.

Last but not least don't forget our "Regular Donation Forms" again any information can be obtained from your Lodge Charity Steward and W.Bro. Nigel Wilkinson, the Provincial Grand Charity Steward. Brethren we only have five years to go, so please support all the activities and last but not least, please buy a new tie!!

Kindest regards
W.Bro. Bob Brown

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.

2022 Surrey Festival Badges

Surrey is to host the 2022 Festival and support for our nearby Province is very important. During the Official visits, Surrey Festival BADGES will be available for sale for £10 each. We always support our Festival Provinces as in due course they will support us.

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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