



# Mark Provincial Times

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Welcome from Ian Vincent

Welcome to the sixteenth 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](mailto: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](#).

Don't forget to obtain your 2026 Festival Jewel, Tie and Cufflinks



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.

## 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.

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## Provincial Grand Masters Lodges of Instruction

There are three Provincial Grand Masters Lodges of Instruction within the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. They are Lodge of Instruction (East) meeting in Gosport, Lodge of Instruction (West) meeting in Southampton and Lodge of Instruction (South) meeting in Newport, Isle of Wight.

After a Covid-19 enforced break that wiped out the 2020/21 season, the Provincial Grand Master's Mark Lodge of Instruction (LOI) (East) will return to business on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and then on the first Wednesday of each month from October to May inclusive at the Gosport Masonic Hall, Clarence Road, Gosport. Each meeting starts at 7:00 pm and lasts between 1 and 1.5 hours during which every person attending is mentored by one of the three Preceptors while undertaking a piece of ritual relevant to the office held in your respective Lodge or that which you hope to attain in ensuing years. The meetings are very informal and are conducted in a relaxed and friendly manner. The emphasis is on learning and enjoyment.

A festival meeting is held each year at which the LOI carries out the Ceremony of Advancement in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master. Many officers of Provincial Grand Rank accompany these distinguished Brethren to the meeting. You may have read in the April edition of the Mark Provincial Times that although the 2021 festival meeting was held virtually, it was still a resounding success. That so many choose to attend this meeting to see the LOI in action reflects very well the high standing in which the Lodge is held. The next Festival will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6:00 pm at Gosport with a full and final rehearsal at 10:00 am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Recent Festivals have been a great success and have earned justified and deserved praise for those taking part.

Please consider attending one of the three Lodges of Instruction especially if you are working your way through the offices in your Lodge to the Chair of Adoniram. The LOI does not replace your Lodge rehearsal but serves to enhance your learning and add to the instruction that you receive within your Lodge.

If you wish to take part in the 2021/22 Lodges of Instructions season, then please let the Secretaries know informing them of your Lodge and the office that you currently hold. Similarly, if you wish to receive further detail then do let them know and they will contact you or arrange to meet with you.

W.Bro. Chris Brier, P.A.G.D.C., is Secretary of Lodge of Instruction (East) meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. His details are:

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W.Bro. Chris Wotton, P.G.S.D., is Secretary of Lodge of Instruction (West) meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. His details are:

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W.Bro. Vernon Gibbs, P.Prov.G.J.O., is Secretary of Lodge of Instruction (South) meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. His details are:

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## Mark Benevolent Fund Donations to Hospices

The Mark Benevolent Fund recently made donations amounting to over £100,000 to hospices throughout England in recognition of the lifetime of service and dedication by HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Mark Lodges were asked to nominate a £1,000.00 donation to a hospice of their choice. The list of nominations made by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Mark Lodges and the amounts awarded are on the website at this [link](#) in "News"

As a result an amount of £6,000.00 was donated to Naomi House & Jacksplace hospices for children and young adults. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 the Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Charity Steward together with a member of Berkshire Mark were invited to visit and gain an insight into the invaluable work of the hospices.

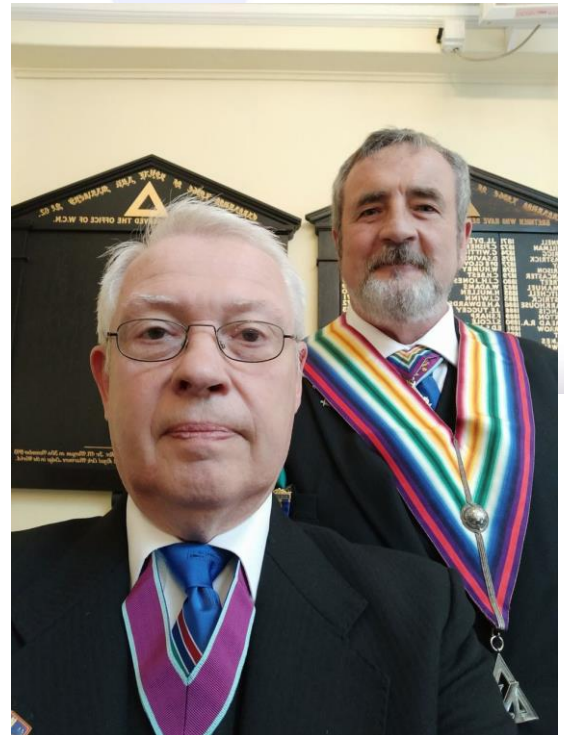
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A lot has been happening this month!

Some pictures from Mark Grand Lodge held at Freemasons Hall on Tuesday 7 September 2021. It looks as though they had a good time!!



Some pictures from Official Visit No.1 - Portsmouth Lodge of RAM No. 17 on Thursday 2 September 2021. There were 31 at the Festive Board. The ceremony was a Lodge Installation - Bro Patrick Grayell was installed as Worshipful Commander by Worshipful Commander Antony Deacon. The Lodge very generously donated £1000 to the 2026 Festival and raised £194 with their raffle and bottle raffle.



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Another evening of enjoyment supporting our APGM W.Bro. Tony Green on his official visit to Carnarvon Lodge of MMM No62 to witness W.Bro. Graham Lant being installed. Excellent ceremony performed by W.Bro. Steve Fasey and a very lively and convivial Festive Board.



Members of Vectis Services Lodge No 9969 changed their Craft Regalia for Mark Regalia at Albany Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The occasion was the Advancement into Mark of VSL member Bro Richard Cullen. The visiting team was led by VSL's WM W.Bro Ken Young who witnessed an excellent ceremony conducted by the Master of Albany Mark, W.Bro Martin Howe. W.Bro. Tony Latter reported that a superb evening of Mark Masonry was had in great company.

