



# Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey



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## Provincial Grand Secretary – Annual Report

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

We have had a successful year and I would like to start with a thank you to W Bro Tim Ford for the time, and patience, he has given in handing over the reins as Provincial Grand Secretary along with him taking on new responsibilities as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

The Provincial Secretariat has been busy this year with a number of Lodges surrendering their Warrants, Mooring a RAM to a different Mark Lodge, a Reponement of a RAM Lodge, two renaming of Lodges, numerous Lodge By-law amendments and even more Dispensations.

I would like to thank W Bro John Fitzgerald, who continued to arrange the Executive visits at the same time as working alongside W Bro John Woodville in order to take over as Provincial Grand Registrar. I am sure we all wish him well in that busy office. With W Bro John Fitzgerald leaving the Secretariat, W Bro Garth Blanchard will step up as Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary and W Bro Naresh Bhatt joins the team as Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary. The roles and responsibilities of each will be sent to Lodge Secretaries as we hope to streamline the systems we have.

We warmly welcome – as our honoured Guests – those distinguished Brethren who have made the journey to attend our Annual Meeting, especially as the members of our Executive have had the opportunity to represent Surrey at the Annual Meetings of a number of Mark Provinces and as usual, they were received and welcomed with genuine friendship, warmth and hospitality.

Once again during this past year, either the Members of the Executive or the Representatives of the RW Provincial Grand Master have had the enjoyable pleasure of visiting some of our Surrey Mark and RAM Lodges, you should have noticed that we have slightly changed the format this past year, with both Assistant Provincial Grand Masters carrying out their Official Visits at meetings other than Installation meetings. All the Executive were able to meet the members, renew acquaintances and catch up with old friends – which is just as it should be.

So as another year in our wonderful Fraternity has passed by, I would like to record my sincere thanks and grateful appreciation to the Executive Team for their support and guidance and to place on record my grateful thanks to all the Secretaries and Scribes who do such a wonderful, but frequently unrecognised, job within their Lodges – it all helps us enjoy our ‘friendly’ degree all the more every day.

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