



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Surrey



Provincial Grand Registrar – Annual Report

16th March 2024

It is an honour to present my last Annual Report as Provincial Grand Registrar.

Membership

As of 31st December 2023, there are **560** Subscribing Members in the MARK Province of Surrey. When membership of more than one MARK Lodge in the Province of Surrey is included, this figure is **866** lodge memberships. **388** members only belong to one Surrey MARK Lodge, so there is ample opportunity for Brethren to broaden their Surrey Mark experience. (E.g. Mark Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No. 1726 or Surrey Installed Mark Masters Lodge No. 1219).

In the RAM there are **453** Subscribing Members in the Province of Surrey. When membership of more than one RAM Lodge in the Province of Surrey is included, this figure is **610** lodge memberships.

335 members only belong to one RAM Lodge, so again there is plenty of scope for members getting more involved in Surrey RAM (E.g. Surrey Enthroned Commanders Lodge No. 1219).

As of 31st December 2023, there were **38** MARK Lodges in the Province of Surrey. Of these, **33** have Royal Ark Mariner Lodges attached to them. **81%** of subscribing members of a Surrey MARK Lodge are also subscribing members of a Surrey Royal Ark Mariner Lodge. There are **3** Surrey Royal Ark Mariner Members that are not Members of a Surrey MARK Lodge.

Database

During this past year the Provincial Grand Secretary and I have been able to preserve our “data” alignment and reconciliation with GLMMM’s Keystone Online Database such that the number of discrepancies in the Membership Records remains negligible. However, as it is the duty of every Lodge Secretary and Scribe to review the Keystone Online Data for accuracy and precision, we are grateful for their efforts in doing that. Whilst we record resignations of members on our database as we are advised of them, Grand Lodge only recognise the resignation once it has been formally announced in open Lodge, therefore there can be a short period of time when the numbers are misaligned. I should also like to thank you all for having provided me with your support and assistance during my tenure as Provincial Grand Registrar and for sending in accurate and timely information on your Annual Lodge Installation Returns, so that the Provincial Records and Database can be maintained up to date.

Year Book

The 2023-24 Provincial Year Book was distributed on schedule in September 2023, (in batches of 5 per Lodge). My sincere thanks to all the Secretaries and Scribes who ensured that their Lodge documentation was returned to me in time to achieve the print deadline.

Finally, I wish my successor, W Bro John Fitzgerald, every success in taking over this important role for the Province.

W Bro John Woodville, P.G.J.D.

Provincial Grand Registrar

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