

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS of ESSEX

1st June 2023 - AGENDA

1. At 2:00 p.m. the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by his Officers, will enter Provincial Grand Lodge.

Opening Hymn:	Tune: Moscow	
<i>Great Overseer of all, On Thee for aid we call, Sons of the Craft. Steep is the bank to land, Lend Thou the helping hand: Safe on the shore to stand, Raised from the raft.</i>	<i>Where o'er our work be found, Wood, hill or casting ground, Thine aid we ask. Grant in the noontide heat, Hour for refreshment sweet, Call back to work when meet, Speed Thou the task.</i>	<i>Then when the shadows fall, When labour ends for all Our wages tell. Show Thou the Master's Choice; Bid all our hearts rejoice; Speak with approving voice "All have marked well."</i>

So mote it be.

2. Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened.
3. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will be saluted according to antient custom.
4. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will welcome the guests.
5. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on 1st June 2022 will be submitted for confirmation.
6. The Memory of Brethren of the Province who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above will be honoured.

Hymn to be sung in honour to those who have passed to the Grand Lodge above:

<i>The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness falls at Thy behest; To Thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.</i>	<i>The sun that bids us rest is waking Our brethren 'neath the western sky, And hour by hour fresh lips are making Thy wondrous doings heard on high</i>
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7. Letters and communications will be read.
8. The Roll of Mark and R.A.M. Lodges will be called.
9. The Report of the Committee of General Purposes will be presented and a proposition made that it be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes.
10. The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet will be presented.
11. Four members of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes will be elected in accordance with by-law 10. The following Brethren have been nominated:

W. Bro. A. Hurrell	W. Bro. R. Kaye	W. Bro. P.T. Maloney
W. Bro. G. Newman	plus Royal Arch Representative, Bro. J. Gilliland.	

12. Two auditors will be elected in accordance with By-Law 6 (i). The following Brethren have been nominated:

W.Bro. R.M. Sandy	W.Bro. D.A.J. Wilson
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13. Six Trustees of the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund will be elected. The following Brethren have been nominated:

R.W. Bro. T.D. Sheern	W.Bro. J. Finlay	W.Bro. R.M. Sandy
W.Bro. R. Kaye	W.Bro. P.A. Maloney	W.Bro. C.R. Snell

14. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will be elected in accordance with By-Law 5. One nomination has been received:

W.Bro. C.R. Snell

15. The Provincial Grand Almoner will submit his report.
16. The Provincial Grand Charity Steward will submit his report.
17. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will appoint, invest and promote the Provincial Grand Officers.
18. The Provincial Grand Officers will be saluted.
19. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will address the Brethren.
20. A collection will be taken for the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund.

Hymn to be sung during the Charity Collection:

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| 1 | <i>Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven;
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise the everlasting King.</i> | 3 | <i>Father-like, He tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Widely as His mercy flows.</i> |
| 2 | <i>Praise Him for His grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him still the same forever;
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Glorious in His faithfulness.</i> | 4 | <i>Angels, help us to adore Him;
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space:
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise Him! Praise Him!
Praise with us the God of grace.</i> |

21. Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed in antient and solemn form.

Closing Hymn: Tune: Aurelia

<i>O, first and sole foundation, O, hidden corner stone, O, heavenly star of morning, O, only perfect One, Descend on this thy Temple And pour thy blessings free On us, Thy servants, waiting In hope of what shall be.</i>	<i>When there shall be no darkness No grief and no decay Earth's shadows all deserving In Heaven's eternal day. No need of work or Token, No need for Guard or Sign In that great world of Brothers That home of Light Divine.</i>	<i>There work shall be refreshment, There parting comes no more, That Lodge for aye stands open, For aye untyled that door; And in those blessed mansions With God upon the Throne, Shall Brother meet with Brother And know as he is known.</i>
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So mote it be.

For the benefit of the members the Accounts and Auditors report, the Almoners report, the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 1st June 2022 and the report of the Charity Steward have been published on the Essex Mark Provincial website - www.essexmark.co.uk. Copies will be available to view at the Secretaries table prior to the meeting.