General Purposes Committee Report

In the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to make appointments and promotions for the following Brethren of the Province of Essex. The Investiture was held in June 2022.

W.Bro.	D. Heath	Asst.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	G. Remblance	P.G.J.D
W.Bro.	P. Busby	A.G.D.C	W.Bro.	M. Singleton	P.A.G.D.C
W.Bro.	D. Mersh	A.G.Insp.Wks.	W.Bro.	R. Latchman	P.A.G.Swd.B.
W.Bro.	M. West	G. Stwd.	W.Bro.	R. Stephens	P.A.G.Swd.B.
W.Bro.	C. Lowry	P.Dep.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	N. Eastbrook	P.G.Std.B.
W. Bro.	L. Abrahams	P.G.J.D	W.Bro.	D. Hook	P.A.G.Std.B.

In the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariners, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, the following Brethren of the Province of Essex. The investiture was held in December 2022.

W.Bro.	Gordon Maclean	W.Bro.	Robin Morley
W.Bro.	Terry Nixon	W.Bro.	Mick West

The Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Officers have made visits to many of our Lodges where they were made very welcome. These visits are appreciated by all concerned. These visits included the Reponement of the Isthmian RAM Lodge, the 50th Anniversary celebration at Potters Clay Lodge, the first meeting of the repurposed Centurion Lodge at his new home in Leigh-on-Sea, and most recently the North Essex Cluster meeting, hosted by Beriffe Lodge. The Provincial Officers' Mess was held at Hutton Masonic Centre and was enjoyed by all those attending.

The Membership statistics attached to this report show the numbers have increased again for the year ended August 2022 and the success of the "Introduction to the Mark" Recruitment events across the Province continues to be reflected in the statistics, with latest Membership Numbers reaching 1,350 (up a further 4.24%) across our Mark Lodges and over 910 (up 3.4%) in our RAM Lodges. In excess of 50 new candidates have been identified through these events, with a further event planned in 2023, to be held at Orsett. The success of these events is a credit to all those who have put in significant time and effort to deliver them, and all members are encouraged to support any future events.

The Provincial Grand Secretary would like to thank all Lodge Secretaries for their continued support, with a gentle reminder that Installation Returns are to be submitted as soon as possible after the meeting along with a copy of the latest audited Lodge accounts. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies would also like to express his appreciation to all Brethren and Lodges who have assisted during the year to make the meetings so successful.

Lodge Changes

	Lodge Changes		M.M.M. Joiners Leavers						Joiners	R.A.M. Joiners Leavers						
Lodge	NT.	Members at 31.8.2021	Advanced	Joined	Pocimod	Deceased	Honorary	Ceased	Members at 31.8.2022	Members at 31.8.2021	Elevated Joined	Resigned	Deceased	Honorary	Ceased	Members at 31.8.2022
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Chelmer	342	36	2		3		•		34	30	1	1	1		┪╏	29
Brentwood	377	21	4			_	2		22	18	2			1	⊣	19
St.Nicholas	413	19	2					1	20	21	1		2		- 	20
George Graveley	461	14	2		1				15	14	2	1			7 I	15
West Ham	467	10	4			1			13	9	1		1		╗	9
Dunmow	527	23	2	1	2				24	19	2	1			71	20
Grays Thurrock	570	17							17	15				1	□ [14
Aurelius	814	16					-1		15	14	1			1		14
Beriffe	825	25	1			- 1	2		23							
Ambresbury	834	17		1	2				16	17	1 1	2			_	17
Rainham	859	13	1	1	2	:	1		12							
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Fillebrook	944	24	_	5		1	-		28	17	1	2		_	 	16
Crowstone	945	27	3	Ш			-		29	23	1			_	 	24
Boleyn Castle	998	17	1		3				15	13	2 2	3			 	14
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Tuscan Pillar	1142	24	1				·	1	22	19		***************************************	1		1	17
Upminster	1195	14	2	1		1			16	12	2				- 	14
Khalsa Royal Oak Tree	1244	19	2	П	2				19	13	2	1			-1	14
Chingford	1252	19	1					-1	19	16	1				1	16
Saxon Shore	1319	26			3	- 1			22	16	2 2	2	1] [17
Wyven	1333	30	2	4					36	19	1					20
Craftsmen of Walden	1366	11	1		1		-1		10	10				1		9
Naze Tower	1380	20	2	1	3				20	11	1	2			_	10
Potters Clay	1399	22		1	2	_	_		19	18	1 1	1	2		-	17
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Easterford	1781	27	1			1			27							
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Northern Star	2012	27	4	1	2	. 1			29							
Essex Armed Forces	2016	17	1	2					20							
Southern Star	2026	0	1	40		3		Ш	38							
TOTAL MEM	BERSHIPS	1251	66	109	8	9 20	11	9	1297	894	38 24	43	18	6	6	883
AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP 26.06									25.94	22.92					[22.64
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