



**Booklet for the
Annual Meeting of the
Provincial Grand Lodge
of
Mark Master Masons of Essex**

to be held at

**Felsted School
Stebbing Road
Felsted
Essex
CM6 3LL**

WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE 2022

Presiding

R. W. Bro. Terence D. Sheern
Provincial Grand Master

W. Bro. John Finlay
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

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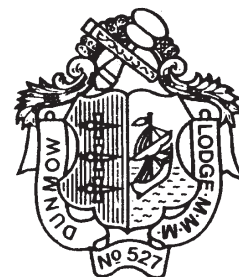
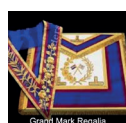
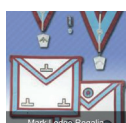


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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS of ESSEX

1st June 2022 - 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." So mote it be.</i>

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 as a Virtual Business Meeting on 5th June 2021 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. C.R. Dunnico W.Bro. R. Kaye W.Bro. P.T. Maloney W.Bro. D. Wilson

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

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. P. Busby
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 and invest the Provincial Grand Officers and those Brethren receiving Past Ranks and Promotions.

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:

1 *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.*

2 *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.*

3 *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.*

4 *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.*

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

Closing Hymn:

Tune: Aurelia

*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.*

*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.*

*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.*

So mote it be.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

Virtual Business Meeting

Saturday 5th June 2021 at 1100 hrs

There were 189 Brethren present at the Virtual Business Meeting with apologies from other Provinces and Essex Provincial Members. Names having been recorded for all those who gave prior notice of attendance.

The Presiding Officer Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared the meeting open at 1100 hrs.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Permission to hold a Virtual Business Meeting which was read out by the Provincial Grand Secretary as required by Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master welcomed his personal guests of which all their names have been recorded.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on Thursday 20th August 2020 having been circulated and also published on the Provincial website were put to the Brethren for adoption.

This was Proposed by W.Bro. Raymond McKerron and Seconded by W.Bro. Norman Eastbrook the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then asked the Brethren of the Province to vote in accordance with the poll that appeared on their screen, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master indicated that the ballot has proved in favour of their acceptance.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Memory of the Brethren of the Province who have Passed to Grand Lodge Above to be Honoured. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. John Finlay gave a small address and asked that the list of departed Brethren were run and shown on screen. The Provincial Grand Chaplain W.Bro. Roger Smith said the prayer on behalf of the Province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for Letters & Communications to be read and was informed by the Provincial Grand Secretary that a number of letters and communications of Apologies have been received from Brethren and Distinguished Guests, all of whom send their best wishes to you and all the Brethren for a happy and enjoyable Meeting.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Provincial Grand Treasurer to present the Provincial Accounts. The Provincial Grand Treasurer informed the Provincial Grand Master that the Accounts are detailed in the Agenda Booklet and he has nothing to add.

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master asked for the Auditors to comment, W.Bro. Christopher Race commented that he along with his fellow Auditor had examined the Books and other Records of the Province and found them satisfactory and has the pleasure in Proposing their acceptance. W.Bro. David Wilson was pleased to concur with his fellow Auditor and seconded the proposal.

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then asked the Brethren of the Province to vote in accordance with the poll that appeared on their screen, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master indicated that the ballot has proved in favour of their acceptance.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master thanked W.Bro. Clive Snell for his hard work getting the Accounts ready and for stepping into the Office due to the Passing of W.Bro. Alan Everard .

Election of the Provincial Grand Treasurer. There being only one nomination received that of W.Bro. C.R. Snell. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared him elected.

Election of two Provincial Auditors. There being only two nominations received that of W.Bro. C.J. Race and W.Bro. D.A.J. Wilson. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared them elected.

Election of four Members of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes. The following having been nominated W.Bro. C.R. Dunnico, W.Bro. R. Kaye, W.Bro. P.A. Maloney and W.Bro. D. Wilson. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared them elected.

Election of six Trustees of the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund. The following having been nominated R.W.Bro. T.D. Sheern, W.Bro. J. Finlay, W.Bro. P.A. Maloney, W.Bro. R. Kaye, W.Bro. C.R. Snell and W.Bro. P. Busby. There being no other nominations the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared them elected.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called on the Provincial Grand Almoner to submit his report W.Bro. Roy Kaye said his report was in the Agenda Booklet and that he had nothing further to add.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Provincial Grand Charity Steward W.Bro. Peter Maloney said his report was in the Agenda Booklet and had nothing further to add.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master asked that the roll of names of all those that were receiving Appointments & Promotions to be run and made comments on some individuals while the names were shown on the screen. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master said that he for the second year running was unable to congratulate in person all those recipients but looked forward to greeting them during his visits around the Province. The Provincial Grand Master confirmed that all Appointments and Promotions are effective as of Saturday 5th June 2021.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS TO THE BRETHREN

Brethren

Can I start by thanking you all for joining us today, especially our visitors from other Provinces at home and Districts overseas, Grand Lodge and the Heads of the other Orders in Essex. Your presence always adds much to our meetings and I know the members of this Province are grateful to you for making the time to help enhance our meeting.

Whilst it's unfortunate we have had to hold this our second Provincial meeting via this zoom platform, God willing it will be the last.

I would like to start my address by thanking my deputy W. Bro John and my two assistances V.W. Bro Mark and W. Bro Richard for their continued support, advice and hard work on behalf of you all behind the scenes, in particular their individual leadership of their respective 3 R's group known locally as the Provincial Membership Group.

For those of you present at W. Bro John's Installation would have heard me say that he had a hard act to follow in V.W. Bro Richard Bowyer, who incidentally brethren still assists me behind the scenes for which I am always grateful. Well W. Bro John has certainly stepped up to the plate and has brought with him a new set of skills, which has added new breath and dimension to the team.

To the members of the Province can I thank you all for your continued support and perseverance during this unprecedented time. And in particular how you have continued to support the province with your generosity, your giving always amazes me and because of this we have been able to support those in need during the lockdown periods for which you should all be very proud.

The sales of regalia, merchandise, bonus ball, face masks, cook books, and other fund raising prizes etc have all paid a really important part of our charitable income and once again I thank all those who have given up their time to support the Province with these endeavours

Whilst talking about charity and giving, we in Essex are aware that our Craft Province has a festival next year and as loyal proud members of the Craft we have over the past four years done our best to support their festival. This is even more important this year because they have been unable to continue with many of their planned money raising activities.

I therefore say to Bro Paul Reeves the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in Charge, Paul I have in my possession a voucher for a further £11,000.00, which is made up of £1,000.00 from the Essex Mark Installed Masters Lodge and £10,000.00 from the Mark Men of Essex. This brings our total to date to over £45,000.00 not including any interest. I hope we can make a final donation next year before the festival closing date

Whilst I have your attention Paul can I also thank and congratulate you for the hard work and contribution you have made over the years to the Craft in Essex in the many offices you have held. I would also like to say that even though you would not have wished to take on the role of Deputy in Charge under the circumstance you did, we think you have carried those duties with dignity and to a very high standard for which we thank you. We also hope that now you will soon have more time on your hands you can dedicate it to the Mark Degree!

Brethren I am sure you will have seen on the website the names of those who will be receiving or Promoted within Grand Rank this year but it is only right and proper that we congratulate them today.

W. Bro Chris Hicks is to be re appointed to Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

W. Bro Peter Steele is to be re appointed to Grand Steward

W. Bro Chris Race is promoted to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro Ray McKerron to Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer
W. Bro Ranjit Bhogal Past Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro William Becker to Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W. Bro Clive Dunnico promoted to Past Grand Senior Deacon and
W. Bro Roy Kaye promoted to Past Grand Junior Deacon.

On behalf of all those present today we give you our hearty congratulations and hope as many as possible will be able to support you on the day you receive your ranks.

Can I also offer my and your congratulations to all those who have been Appointed and Promoted as of today's date. I am sorry I have been unable to greet and congratulate you all in person but hope today's proceedings will go some way to mark this special day for you. To those who have been Re-appointed or Promoted to Active Rank I do hope you will be able to join me in the very near future on my visits around the Province, I can guarantee you will receive a warm welcome wherever you go.

Brethren a Provincial Honour is an important one so wear your regalia with pride but always remember with rank comes responsibilities.

I would normally at this point introduce to you the grand father of the Province but unfortunately W. Bro Dickie Caldwell is unable to join us, Dickie is now in his 100th year and not in the best of health but we wish him well and hope he can join us next year. Could I ask a member of his Lodge to take the best wishes and regards from all us back to him please.

Brethren I would like to take a few moments to give some well earned thank you's.

Can I thank the Provincial Secretary and the Administration Team for all their hard work and commitment behind the scenes. It is always appreciated.

The full Media Team and Webshop Team for a fantastic job in promoting the Province on all our social media sights, for keeping us all up to date and for running our online shop.

To Roy Kaye and his small team of helpers for looking after our well being and welfare through a difficult time over the past year or so and for submitting two very successful MBF bids one for the Meals on Wheels and the other for Clowns in the Sky. Thank you

To the Provincial DC and Ceremonial Team for producing the ceremonial handbooks and running the virtual L of I's

And to all that made generous donations to the Essex Welfare Fund, by way of prizes, merchandise and gifts.

Thank you all.

Brethren as I said at the start of this address we are now on route back to some form of normality and we have a very busy schedule ahead of us all. At the Provincial level there are plans to consecrate the new Southern Star Lodge, and to Repon the Isthmian Lodge, we also have at least three Banner Dedications to carry out and Constantine Lodge being our oldest Lodge is planning a cCelebration Meeting for their 125th birthday. Our Officers Mess and Northern Lodges Cluster Meetings will also resume in the very near future.

More importantly however Brethren is the resumption of Lodges at a local level and in particular the advancement and elevation of our new members in waiting. I ask each of you to please ensure you are match fit for these meetings, its vital that after a long wait to join us we make sure it is a ceremony they will not forget. And at the end of their ceremony we want them to say it was worth the wait and thereby

recruit others for us. The Province will give as much help as it can and the Provincial DC can give guidance or ritual support if required, please ask for it, we would much rather help than for your candidates to be disappointed.

The return to meetings is also in my view a time to celebrate and so you may wish to give some thought on how you could do this, from holding a special Festive Board after the Meeting to commissioning a Banner or new tracing board etc for your Lodge.

Having said that Brethren I think its also important for me to say you should only return to meetings when you as an individual thinks its safe to do so, no one should feel pressurised to do so.

There are exciting times ahead; The Provincial Membership groups have plans to assist with your Recruitment. Re-invigoration and Retention activities, we have taken note of the recent survey results and will be planning how to incorporate some of the comments and suggestions. We have candidates lined up to join us, we will be able to meet each other in the flesh, not only to enjoy our Mark Masonry but also each others company and with a can do positive attitude the Province can become stronger and better than before.

Brethren I thank you all once again for your attendance today and for your attention. Before I close the meeting I have asked the Grand Secretary to say a few words on behalf of Grand Lodge and so will now ask that R.W. Bro Ryan unmutes himself

Thank you Brethren

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE of MARK MASTER MASONS of ESSEX

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT THE DEATHS OF THE FOLLOWING BRETHREN ARE RECORDED

W.Bro.	David Brian	BROWN	Ambresbury	23 rd January 2021
W.Bro.	Andrew Brown	BARR	Chlemer	9 th April 2021
W.Bro.	Raymond	TALBOT	St. Nicholas	29 th April 2021
Bro.	Peter	BOSCH	Mark of True Freindship	30 th April 2021
W.Bro.	James Reginald	NEWMAN	Combinded Stewards	16 th May 2021
W.Bro.	John Todhunter	BARNS	Mark of Industry	28 th May 2021
W.Bro.	John Sidney	MORRIS	Constantine	21 st June 2021
W.Bro.	Peter William	LOWE	Upminster	23 rd July 2021
W.Bro.	James Jess	MONK	Chelmer	1 st August 2021
W.Bro.	Brian Thomas	KELLY	Beaconsfield	19 th August 2021
Bro.	Mark	LAZARO	Constantine	30 th August 2021
Bro.	Stephen John	WARD	Upminster	12 th September 2021
Bro.	James Alexander	McLURE	Beriffe	26 th September 2021
W.Bro.	William Henry	FLETCHER	Potters Clay	12 th November 2021
Bro.	Brian Arthur	FULLER	Easterford	12 th December 2021
W.Bro.	Keith Edward	SMITH	Tudor	21 st Decenber 2021
V.W.Bro.	Christopher Ernest	CARTER	Potters Clay	7 th February 2021
W.Bro.	Ian Joseph	KENWOOD	Chelmer	16 th March 2021
V.W.Bro.	Anthony Bruce Mason	LATHAM	Tuscan Pillar	5 th March 2022
W.Bro.	Aubrey	TEMPLE	Mark of True Friendship	22 nd March 2022
R.W.Bro.	Stephen	DAVISON	Beaconsfield	20 th April 2022

2. 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 2020.

W.Bro.	C. Hicks	A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	C. R. Dunnico	P.G.S.D.
W.Bro.	P. Steele	G.Stwd.	W.Bro.	C. J. C. Race	P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro.	R. Kaye	G.J.D.	W.Bro.	R. A. McKerron	P.A.G.Std.B.
W.Bro.	W. J. Becker	P.A.G.Std.B..	W.Bro.	R. S. Bhogal	P.G.Std.B.

3. 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 2021.

W.Bro.	G. Remblance	W.Bro.	C. White
W.Bro.	P. Hind	W.Bro.	K. Headworth

4. 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 since the return of physical meetings where they were made very welcome. These visits are appreciated by all concerned. The Provincial Officers' Mess was held at Brentwood Masonic Hall and was enjoyed by all those attending.

5. The Provincial Grand Secretary would like to thank all Lodge Secretaries for their continued support especially during the lockdown period, 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 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.

Dear Brethren all, welcome to the latest edition of the Mark Times.

Since the last publication, the Province has continued to adjust to the new norm that has been established post Covid restrictions.

I know for some, the past few months has continued to be a worry and some are still feeling a little vulnerable. I do hope, however, as we adjust to the new norm, lodge members will feel safe to return to their meetings.

Whilst on the subject of meetings, can I firstly remind you that Grand Lodge continue to offer a 50% reduction in joining fees for the remainder of this financial year, so now is the time to get your candidates advanced!

January saw the usual Burns night celebration at Tuscan Pillar Lodge and in February Love and Remembrance Lodge had their new Lodge banner dedicated.

In February several brethren attended West Ham Royal Ark Mariner Lodge to witness W.Bro. Len Abrahams deliver another perfect exaltation degree. I think of the 14 who attended however, at least 10 of us went down with Covid shortly afterwards!

The Installed Commander and Master Lodges 1044 had more successful meetings in March with over 140 in attendance. The Installed Commanders hosted the Royal Ark Mariner Assembly where Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand ranks were bestowed and the Mark Masters meeting saw the Installation of W.Bro. David Awcock into the chair.

May saw a banner dedication for the Naze Tower Lodge.

The Annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting is upon us, and plans have been ongoing for some time to ensure the first face to face meeting in three years is a success. I do hope you enjoy the displays and stalls made available to you.

Later in the year there are plans to reponer Isthmian Royal Ark Mariner Lodge and Banner & Bible dedication for the Southern Star Lodge.

The MBF Festival 2030 is now another year closer, and events and dining experiences are being planned, so once again, please keep your eyes peeled on the website and other social media platforms for those details, as well as circulations to your lodge Secretaries.



These events will include the Tony Latham Memorial Golf Day on 28 July and an 'Audience with Mark Smith' (Antiques Roadshow fame) who will be giving a presentation on the Antiques Road Show from behind the scenes, at Saxon Hall, Southend on 14 October.

MBF Festival 2030 Jewels are still for sale and can be purchased via the website at www.essexmark.co.uk. Around 230 jewels have been sold so far which is fabulous news and accounts for nearly a quarter of the Province so far.

Whilst talking about your generosity, I can also inform you that our appeal for funds for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal has raised well over £7000 to date, and it is not too late to contribute. All contributions will be accredited to either your personal or Lodge MBF totals and collarette awards.

A new MBF Festival 2030 website will be launched at the A.G.M. at Felsted to ensure you are kept fully up to date with all the festivities and events leading up to the Festival banquet.

As you know, I receive a copy of every Lodge Summons and it's heartening to see the number of new candidates being Advanced throughout the Province and I thank you all for your hard work and efforts, so let's ensure we give those candidates the best ceremony possible.

The provincial media team continue to work hard and we will be releasing the first of our 'themed lodges' videos shortly. I hope they will spark some interest and attract new members.

Brethren, you should all be very proud of how you weathered the Covid Storm, have returned to meetings and are now catching up on delayed business and I thank you sincerely for doing so.

Lastly, please remember to use the Provincial website for information about the Province as it has much to offer and includes of course our website shop. If you use Facebook and are not a member, please sign up to our Facebook page as well.



question MARK

by David Wilson PProvGSO.

Making your Mark as a Mason

The dictionary definition is, 'to do something which causes you to become noticed or famous.'

We know that those who could not read or write would be asked to 'leave their Mark', usually an X as a sign of a signature on a document.

Both of these we can see are used by the Ancient Stone Masons. There were in fact 3 types of Marks:

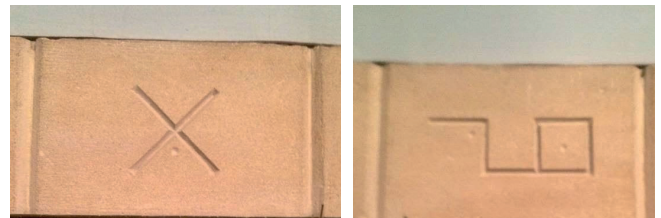
- Quarry marks to identify origin and quality of a stone.
- Assembly marks to assist in correct positioning and sequences.
- Banker marks were put on stones to show the Mason who prepared it before being sent and used by the walling Masons. This is where the majority of marks can be found especially when payment was by results rather than time.

Of course the more intricate work took longer and was prepared by the most experienced and skilled Craftsman which was more to do with quality than quantity.

In the Mark Degree we each receive a mark as a Mark Man and Craftsman. Having prepared our work, and figuratively placed our mark upon it we parade with other Craftsman who have prepared their stones for the walling Masons, square and oblong. But ours is 'curiously wrought', the rest we know. By preparing this stone and making our mark we have become noticed or famous in the story. Our work is paraded and we are publicly rewarded.

- Masonic teaching reminds us that through:
- Brotherly Love, respecting everyone.
- Relief, giving time and money to those in need.
- Truth, being true to yourself and who we strive to be.

We all can make and leave a mark in our lives that will stand the test of time. To be remembered by the generations to come.



Pictures from Colvin Memorial Temple Wall Freeze
Clacton on Sea



The TONY LATHAM memorial golf trophy

Thursday 28th July 2022
at Rochford Hundred Golf Club, Hall Rd,
Rochford, SS4 1NW.

To be played in teams of three.

Coffee and bacon roll, shotgun start at 1.30pm,
18 holes of golf followed by 2 course dinner.

Places are limited and will be booked on
a first come, first served, basis.

Cost per player £60.00. Handicaps are required
Limited spaces are available for
evening dinner at £25.00pp

Please contact Geoff Newman on
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or
Andrew Cuthbertson on
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Following the recent untimely death of our friend and fellow Mark Mason, we are holding a competition to present a new memorial trophy in Tony's name. Please join us and enjoy a game of golf on this fabulous course, and remember Tony as he would wish us to do so.

All profits on the event will be presented to the Essex Mark Benevolent fund.



Essex Mark Shop

Ever since I became the custodian of the shop it has changed considerably.

The shop originated as a second-hand regalia shop where anyone could hopefully find any piece of regalia that they required.

Since that time the shop has evolved into a fully functioning webshop with sales for the Bonus Ball, 2030 Festival items such as the new token, Rory the Lion and the Marks Banner.

We have also sold many other items in aid of the Essex Mark Welfare Fund such as Ray's Cookbook which was put together by WBro Ray McKerron during the lockdown period of the pandemic.

The shop allows anyone to make a purchase from anywhere in the world, but it is mainly used by Essex Mark Master Masons. Donations can be made directly to the welfare fund; 2030 festival jewels can be purchased with



our instalment scheme and most obviously we hold regalia from many of the different orders within freemasonry.

We have regalia from the Craft, Royal Arch, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, Knights Templar Priests, Royal Order of Scotland, St Thomas of Acon, Order of the Secret Monitor, Red Cross of Constantine and Rose Croix.

All of the regalia is in good condition or better and is priced to reflect the fact that it is pre-used. The shop aims to get items dispatched in as short a time frame as possible, but this can be as long as three or four days.

There is a lot of good quality regalia just waiting for a new owner so have a quick look and see if we can help you or anyone you know in need of regalia. Thank you. Steve Joslin, Shop Keeper. www.essexmark.co.uk/store/c1/Featured_Products.html



Essex Mark Bonus Ball Game 2022/23

The Essex Mark Bonus Ball Game has proved to be very successful since its launch at the Provincial Meeting at Felsted in May 2018 and has to date produced much needed funds for the Essex Mark Welfare Fund, raising more than £15,000, which was a main stay of the Sunday Meals delivered during Lockdown.

The Media Team developed the game to its present success and it has proved immensely popular, with many individuals regularly purchasing numbers for themselves, and many Lodges purchasing under their unit's name.

On his appointment to A.P.G.M., Richard Goodwin relinquished leadership of the game to Media Team member Steve Yates who took over the running of the game.

With over 260 winners so far, the Media Team will continue to promote the Bonus Ball and look forward

to seeing many more winners.

Don't forget though, "You have to be in it to win it". The cost is still only £10 for a single number in a game that runs for 10 weeks (£1 per week) on consecutive Saturdays, and each week the owner of the winning number receives £30.

The Bonus Ball popularity has prompted many members to ask how they can buy more numbers. This year in aid of the Essex Mark Welfare Fund, we are now hoping that more individuals and Lodges in Essex will consider purchasing a number on a regular basis as many have done already. £50 will purchase a number for 50 weeks over 5 consecutive games, which is the best part of a year, and 2 wins during that period would see the entrant's money returned with £10 to spare. Contact us for more information.

Purchasing numbers can be done via the Essex Mark web site at www.essexmark.co.uk or by sending an email to emwfbonusball@gmail.com requesting a number, where we will deal with your request and notify you of your allocated number. Remember, you can also purchase a regular number for the year costing £50 which would run for 5 consecutive games of 10 weeks each. The adjacent QR Code will take you to the Bonus Ball web site. Thank you for your continued support and Good Luck.





**Interview with W.Bro. John Finlay
Deputy Provincial Grand Master.**

**Interviewed by W.Bro. Steve Joslin
Essex Mark Media Team.**

Sir, How did you first become a Freemason and what moved you to take that decision?

Steve, I'm guessing exactly the same as just about everybody else in Freemasonry, somebody asked me! Thinking about it, perhaps it was the intrigue of finding out what it was all about, perhaps the kudos of being part of a "secret society" that nobody knew much about, with all its alleged secret handshakes and the like, but definitely I sensed it would give me the opportunity to meet and bond with like minded people.

I have always been a "people person" with regards of wanting to be with like-minded people, so that was the greatest attraction for me and, of course, since joining Freemasonry I've found that in spades.

Why did you decide to join the Mark degree in particular?

I, like many others I don't doubt, had no idea the Mark Degree existed when I joined the Craft.

I was, however, really fortunate in having someone who I still consider a mentor, and a very good friend, in V.W.Bro. Bob Potts, a Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Mark Degree and now the District Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters in Essex.

Bob introduced me to the Mark Degree, followed by

the Knights Templar, the Allied Masonic Degrees, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland, Rose Croix, the Order of the Secret Monitor and the Scarlet Cord, and to just about every other Masonic Order!

I was introduced to the Mark Degree very shortly after I was Exalted into the Holy Royal Arch and, in many respects, I don't think it was a bad decision to join the Royal Arch first but, equally so, if I had known about the Mark Degree beforehand, I probably would have joined that first.

What would you say stands out for you about the Mark Degree, especially as you have had the experience of travelling from a newly Advanced Brother to your current position as Deputy Provincial Grand Master?

The Mark Degree, to me, is very special. I see it as one of the main building blocks of Freemasonry, much as our ancient brethren did when the Mark was part of the Craft Ceremonies. Without the Mark I don't think you've got the whole. I consider it a true "Craftsman's Degree", the whole allegory is shaped towards labour, reward, and fraternal union. To me that's a very important part of Freemasonry. In the Mark Degree, when brethren join they are accepted for who they are and never discriminated against, whether that is in respect of their position in life or Freemasonry.

Is Freemasonry something you are proud to be a part of and, if so, why? What, if anything, stands out as the defining reason?

I've met an awful lot of people through my twenty plus years in Freemasonry and I find them almost without exception to be good decent human beings, and that for me is the one defining reason. I don't think there's much more that I need to say other than I am very proud to be a Freemason.

Does the Mark Degree have more significance for you than the other Degrees in Freemasonry?

The Mark Degree dovetails very nicely into the Solomonic legend, and therefore is an integral part of those Solomonic Degrees. Without the Mark Degree, the complete history of the Temple, and the allegory that Freemasons have applied to it, would be missing something very important.

Before becoming a Freemason I was never what I would consider a very religious type of person, but joining Freemasonry and then the Christian orders that I am a member of, opened my eyes and allowed me to realise my own idea of Religion and God. I think that it is important for all men to find that, and Freemasonry gives you that opportunity. The Mark Degree is simply part of our whole journey.

Following on from that, as you just mentioned, you are a member of other Orders in Freemasonry,



how many, how did you come to join them and how do they fit in with Mark Degree for you?

Currently (!), I am a member of 13 Masonic Orders. Joining most was simply natural progression, but some were because I was just curious after reading about them or being canvased by a member. Once you get hooked it is quite easy to come across the other Orders.

Freemasonry is a journey for everybody, and for some that journey is over far too quickly in my opinion. Brethren will be initiated, passed, and raised, and some don't go a great deal further; perhaps their circumstances won't allow it, but if they are happy, then I am happy for them.

For me, as I've got an inquiring mind, I just like to know what's going on, the "why's and wherefores"! I've enjoyed all the Orders that I have joined because I get something different from each of them. You will find something different in all of the Degrees and Orders in Freemasonry, and once you join any particular one it soon makes perfect sense as to why somebody in the past decided to make a Masonic Degree out of part of a whole story.

As I said previously, the Mark Degree is part of the whole in my opinion, and I do think all the other Orders dovetail together to make a very interesting whole.

Moving outside of freemasonry a little, how do you balance your home, work, and personal life with the commitments you now have to Freemasonry?

Don't sleep, don't eat and keep moving that is about the best answer I can give you! . Seriously, I am very time poor and not helped by still working full time and earning a living. I have a wife, four children and seven grandchildren who all need some time. I have got other interests outside of Freemasonry so I don't really have a minute in the day, I could do with a nine day week!

Is being part of the Essex Mark Provincial Executive a position, you ever foresaw yourself being in?

No, absolutely not, but it's a position I am immensely proud to have. My first ever appointment was in the Craft after I came out of the Chair. I was appointed a Craft Steward, holding that active office opened my eyes to Freemasonry generally and how Freemasonry works as an organisation. I very much enjoyed my time in that office, it was good training for the future. I was very involved in the ceremonial aspect as a Craft Steward, which again was very good training for the future.

I was really fortunate after my year as a Steward to be appointed to another acting rank as a ProvAGDC, both of those ranks were subsequently mirrored in

the Holy Royal Arch. I gained a considerable amount of ceremonial experience in these roles which helped me greatly when I was eventually appointed as the ProvGDC in the Mark. After my first appointment came in the Mark I have just been swept along with it ever since. I absolutely never ever envisaged that I could possibly have reached the position where I am now, as I said before it is one I am incredibly proud to hold, and I am incredibly pleased to serve the ProvGM, the Province and its brethren.

My last question for you is, how many meetings a week is too many?

My wife would most certainly have a different answer to me! There are weeks where I have attended five meetings between a Monday and Saturday, which is too many. I'm sort of comfortable with two meetings a week, but it regularly is at least three. When I am not out at meetings I spend most evenings working on behalf of the Province at home and I still spend an inordinate amount of time on zoom, but how many meetings is too many meetings? Well, I am led to think that when they are screwing the lid down on you, you want to make sure you've got the best out of this life, so I will do as many as I can.

Worshipful Brother John, thank you very much, Sir, for your time.





Recent Highlights



Mauly's Travels - And so it begins !!!

The Travelling Maul started its journey through the Province on Tuesday 18 January 2022 when Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Richard Goodwin presented it to 98-year-old V.W.Bro. Alf Garner who was deputising as W.M. of Constantine Lodge No.145, the oldest Mark Lodge in Essex at St. Giles Masonic Centre, Colchester.

On Wednesday 2 February W.Bro. Sid Philpin the secretary of Constantine Lodge presented Mauly to W.Bro. Martyn Pinkney, the W.M. of Beaconsfield Mark Lodge No.205 at their meeting at Southend.

The third port of call for Mauly was George Graveley Lodge No.461 meeting at Crossed Keys, Chadwell St.

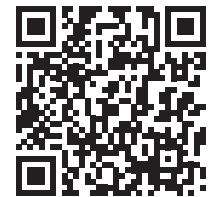


Mary where W.Bro. Martyn Pinkney presented the Travelling Maul to the reigning Master W.Bro. David Burgess.

In a busy start to the year, Mauly also travelled to both Chelmer Lodge No.342 & St. Nicholas Lodge No.413 in April and will be making the journey to Brentwood Lodge No.377 in June.



Dates for all future visits can be found on the Provincial website at: <https://www.essexmark.co.uk/travelling-maul-dates.html> or by using the QR code opposite.



Constantine Lodge of M.M.M. No.145 150th Anniversary Meeting St.Giles Masonic Centre Colchester Friday 22 April 2022

On Friday 22 April at the St. Giles Masonic centre in Colchester, the Constantine Lodge of Mark Masters No. 145 celebrated its 150th anniversary. The Lodge was Consecrated on Wednesday 17 April 1872 at the Three Cups Hotel in Colchester and is the oldest Lodge in the Mark Province of Essex.

Over the following 7 years, Constantine Advanced 30 Brethren, and in 1883, the Lodge became a Founder of the Province of East Anglia.

For today's celebration, the Constantine Lodge was opened and its regular business was undertaken.

The Lodge was then Called off so that the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern and his Provincial team could assemble and enter the Lodge.

The Prov.G.M. took the Chair for a short time to introduce his team which included the Deputy P.G.M., W.Bro. John Finlay and an Assistant P.G.M., W.Bro. Richard Goodwin. The Chair was returned to the Master and the celebration of the Lodges' 150th year began.

The current Secretary, W.Bro. Sid Philpin then gave a brief history of the Lodge, recounting the early years and giving those assembled a few facts and figures to set the scene before moving into the lives of a few of the Brethren that have had a lasting impact on the Lodge.

70 Brethren remained to dine and were gifted a history of the Constantine Lodge booklet and a Mark Token to mark the occasion. The Prov.G.M. stood at the festive board and relayed some sadness about the sudden passing of the Assistant Grand Master, who was due to attend the celebration as the official visitor of Grand Lodge and who was looking forward to the event.

The evening ended with a few final words from the Master who thanked the Constantine team for organising the event and those in attendance to support them in their anniversary year, with an eye to the next 150 years.



The Provincial Membership Strategy Group (P.M.S.G.) working under the lead of the Prov.G.M., R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern, and the Executive Officers has been busy in looking at how we can maintain and improve our Province under the headings of the “3 R’s”, i.e. Recruitment, Retention and Reinvigoration.

The Mark (and Royal Ark Mariner) Degree is the third largest after Craft and Royal Arch Masonry (no mean feat when, by definition, Craft must always be the largest Order). Essex Mark has always maintained a high profile and high membership but, as with everything else, Covid has had a lasting effect on membership. Not to be deterred, Mark Masonry remained active (using the Zoom platform) throughout the various lockdowns and restrictions on meetings and, once “face to face” meetings resumed took “reinvigoration” to heart. Key lead details are available on our website at essexmark.co.uk.

To assist an active recruitment drive, Essex Mark, has researched and published a number of relevant and informative documents relating to the history and symbolism of Mark Masonry. These are also available on our website at essexmark.co.uk.

Of particular note are the articles on the Mark Master Masons’ Marks of which mention is made in the Royal Arch but, in Mark masonry, forms an integral part of our Ceremony. You, and all your Craft Brethren, are recommended to read and disseminate the information contained therein.

Looking at recruitment, two “parent groups” have been set up looking at “North and South” respectively. Within that umbrella, two recruitment events were delivered, one at Southend with the assistance of Battlesbridge Mark, and a second at Kirby cross with the assistance of the Naze Tower Lodge.

At both, a dissertation on both Mark and Royal Ark Mariner was delivered by experienced and enthusiastic Mark Men, which led to a combined total of over 30 Craft masons looking to join mark masonry. That in itself is a superb result, 30 new members is a Lodge in itself! We hope that all of these candidates will be Advanced and Elevated soon and thus experience the enjoyment, friendship and fun of Mark Masonry!

The Retention drive has seen an interactive database and questionnaire set up to properly understand what future aspirations and expectations existing members have and has given an excellent insight into those members perceptions of the Order and good information for strategic planning for the future of the Province. We are, as some may recall the saying, “In good heart!” The current ProvGDC has set out a basis for a “formal” Provincial Lodge of Instruction and, subject to Executive sign off, this will bear fruition later this year. In the meantime, members are reminded that the Fillebrook Lodge has been reopened as a Lodge of Instruction for Directors of Ceremonies and other brethren looking to extend their knowledge of and proficiency in both the Mark and RAM Degrees,

Reinvigoration has produced a reinvigoration guide for Lodges to work with, which included a succession planning document, a subject often overlooked, key officers of any Lodge should know who is their replacement and train and assist them to take the role over.

The Essex Keystone Lecture is in its first year after introduction by this group. To be presented annually and for the first time at Felsted 2022.

We have constant and ongoing Media campaigns linked to the media team, keeping the Province vibrant and updating existing and prospective members on initiatives on all our existing platforms.

A Lodge health register covering all the Essex Lodges has been produced and this register, when coupled with the database, gives a clearer picture of the whole Province as regards to its’ overall health , which assists the executive in forward planning for the future success of the Province.

Brethren, the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees are important, informative and symbolically relevant Degrees in Freemasonry without which a full understanding of Craft cannot be obtained. They also form a gateway to other masonic Orders (go to the GLMMM website at Mark Masons’ Hall (markmasonshall.org) for a fuller understanding of the connection of our “several parts”.

Brethren, the provincial Executive are available for all to ask questions of, their contact details are on the website at Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Essex - Essex Mark Master Masons where there is also a wealth of information on the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees.

Remember those words you heard at your Advancement, “among Mark Master Masons you will ever find friends, who will administer relief to your distress and comfort in your affliction”. Let that message be conveyed to all your brethren who have yet to hear it.



Festival Information



Fine Dining 2022

Continuing on from the successful events held in 2021 and earlier this year in support of the MBF Festival Essex 2030, there are a number of dining events planned for later this year. Some details are yet to be confirmed but still to come this year are:

- A BBQ to be held at Rochford Masonic Centre on a Sunday in July
- An evening meal at The Ship public house in Kirby Cross
- An Italian meal at Antica Roma in Rochford in September
- A Chinese meal at Zen City in Southend on Tuesday 4 October
- An Indian meal at Kanchans on Sunday 20 November

Keep an eye out for the Flyers for these events providing the final details.



On Friday 14 October 2022, Mark Smith, the BBC's Antiques Roadshow Military expert, will be giving a presentation at Saxon Hall in Southend.

The event will also include a buffet and a raffle in aid of the MBF Festival 2030.

The cost of a ticket for this evening's entertainment is £25.

Tickets for this event have almost sold out, but if you are interested in attending, please contact W.Bro. Richard Goodwin (email below) who has the final few and will be happy to add your name to a reserve list, should further tickets become available.

richard-goodwin@virginmedia.com



On Saturday 26 November 2022, at Saxon Hall in Southend, W.Bro. Geoff Waddoups and his team will be running a Race Night. Final details will be released soon.

These Race Nights will become an annual event in support of the MBF Festival 2030 and the Festival Committee have all of the equipment needed to run such an event.

If your lodge would like to host one of these evenings, contact the Festival Committee Chairman, W.Bro. Richard Goodwin at richard-goodwin@virginmedia.com.

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ESSEX
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021**

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the Accounts for the Province for the year ended 31st August 2021.

A very similar year to last year for Masonry generally with the impact of Covid 19 still effecting every aspect of our business. Although our fund raising has not been severely impacted as we continue to see Lodges and Members starting to restart their Masonic activities with donations from both picking up during the year. This has enabled us to continue to make donations to not only the MBF but to local charities as well.

There were no major changes in the accounts last year with the exception of the sundry expenditure the increase in which was down to posting correspondence to members without email addresses. This has now been reviewed for the current year.

The amount shown under 'Lodge Reserve' relates to monies held by the province on behalf of a Lodge which has now been returned.

In my opinion the Province remains in good standing financially, has sufficient funds to meet any contingencies that may arise, and that no increase in annual dues is therefore required.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Charity Steward for their assistance in maintaining the financial records, and V.W.Bro Richard Bowyer for his continued support during the year.

Clive Snell
Provincial Grand Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, having been appointed as Auditors, report that we have examined the books and other records of the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund, the Essex Mark Welfare Fund and the General Accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Essex and confirm that the accounts as presented agree therewith.

Hon. Auditor W. Bro. C. J. C. Race P.A.G.D.C.

Hon. Auditor W. Bro. D.A.J. Wilson P.Prov.G.Swd.B.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ESSEX
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

<u>2020</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>
5,947	Lodges: Annual Dues	£
114	Registration Fees	
<u>115</u>	Dispensations	<u> </u>
1,610	Fees of Honour: MMM	£ 1300
<u>490</u>	RAM	<u>350</u> 1,650
2,820	Provincial Officers' Mess	£
<u>(2,675)</u>	<i>Less Dining Costs</i>	
	Lodge Reserve	5,062
<u>8,421</u>		£ <u>6,712</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
541	Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting	£
<u>541</u>	<i>Less: Dining Receipts received</i>	
	<i>Transfer from Felsted Reserve</i>	-
912	Secretary's Expenses	610
40	Craft Year Book	40
1,195	Equipment Storage	901
187	Mark Times	
653	Regalia/Equipment	298
284	Mark Awareness	
292	Provincial Website	343
128	Sundry Expenses	729
-	Bank charges	
<u>-380</u>	Transfer From Legacy Reserve	
<u>3,852</u>		<u>2921</u>

4,570	Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	£ 3,791
11,700	General Reserve brought forward	16,269
16,270		20,060
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16,270	General Reserve carried forward	20,060
4,190	Special Reserve	4,190
620	Legacy Reserve	620
21,080		£ 24,870

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ESSEX
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021 (CONTD)

<u>2020</u>			<u>2021</u>
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
22,702	HSBC Treasurer Account:	£	24,623
199	Prepayments: Equipment Storage	£	684
	Felsted School-Deposit 2022		
117	Meeting	117	
<u>374</u>	Weebly	<u>31</u>	832
91	Debtors Deposit Key Ample storage		91
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23,483		£	25,546
	<u>Less: Current Liabilities</u>		
280	Provincial Collar Deposits - 2020/1	320	
253	Insurance Premiums refunds due to Lodges	<u>253</u>	
533		573	
1,870	Creditors	<u>103</u>	676
<u>2,403</u>			
21,080		£	24,870

REPRESENTED BY:

16,270	General Reserve	14,999
4,190	Special Reserve	4,190
20,460		19,189
620	Legacy Reserve	620
	Lodge Reserve	5061
21,080	TOTAL RESERVES	£ 24,870

W. Bro. Clive Snell
Provincial Grand Treasurer

ESSEX MARK BENEVOLENT FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021
(Charity No. 1135170)

<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>
	<u>Income</u>	
	Contributions:	
2,200	Lodges	£ 1,250
736	Members	2166
		3,416
16,770	Essex Mark Welfare Fund	24,362
204	Interest Received	16
19,910		£ 27,794
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
	Mark Benevolent Fund Festivals:	
	Sussex 2019	
1,000	Kent 2020	
2,000	East Lancashire 2021	1,000
2,000	Surrey 2022	
2,000	West Yorkshire 2023	
2,000	Cheshire 2024	
1,000	Oxfordshire 2025	
10,000		1,000
2,500	Friends of Hamilton Court	2,500
9,000	Craft Festival	11,000
1,000	SAFE	1,000
	Clowns in the Sky	750
	Southend food Bank	300
16,190	Mark Benevolent Fund	13,981
38,690		£ 30,531
(18,780)	Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(2,737)
	Accumulated surplus brought forward	20,806
39,586		
20,806		£ 18,069
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
13,813	Grand Charity Relief Chest	2,731
6,993	HSBC Community Account	15,338
	HMRC Tax credit due	
20,806		£ 18,069

W. Bro. Clive Snell
Provincial Grand Treasurer

ESSEX MARK WELFARE FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>
	<u>Income</u>	
	Contributions:	
	MCF Donation - Coronavirus Sunday Lunches	
26750		
11,137	Lodges	£ 1,269
5,357	Members	3,820
585	Sale of Ties, Tokens & Cufflinks	182
535	Advancee Packs	
1,479	Regalia sales	1,739
274	Postage on sales from on line shop	249
1,180	Sale of Benevolent Fund Badges	655
	MBF 2030	1,176
	Guess Balloons	222
	Shirts/Clothing	695
	East Lancs Calenders	70
556	Key Rings	
635	Face Masks	20
988	Tea@3 Mugs	111
490	Officers' Mess raffle	10
2,600	Bonus Ball	1265
<u>52,566</u>		£ <u>11,483</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
16,770	Essex Mark Benevolent Fund	24,362
27,264	Coronavirus Sunday Lunches	
	MBF 2030	1,176
	Special Boat Service	209
	Hypocampe G Nye	2,375
	Purchase of Ties, Tokens, Cufflinks and Regalia	123
795	Sail Ship Training	147
	1st Stop Mobility	150
	Essex and London Homeless	300
	East Lancs Calenders	137
116	Postage on sales from on line shop	110
200	Great Wakering Sea Scouts	
560	Kingsway School	
500	Widows Sons Icen Chapter	
	Shirts/Clothing	692
	Tea@3 Mugs	10
770	Key Rings	
240	Fees on Sales from on line shop	314
250	Distressed Brethren	
1500	Purchase of Benevolent Fund Badges	1,000
<u>48,965</u>		£ <u>31,105</u>

3,601	Surplus for year	(19,622)
21,330	Accumulated surplus brought forward	25,647
<u>24,931</u>		£ <u>6,025</u>

REPRESENTED BY:

	<u>Current Assets</u>	
25,676	HSBC Bank Account	£ 7,121
	<u>Less: Current Liabilities</u>	
745	Creditors	-1,096
<u>24,931</u>		£ <u>6,025</u>

W. Bro. Clive Snell
Provincial Grand Treasurer

PROVINCIAL GRAND ALMONER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

Brethren

I started off last year's report, which I was not able to deliver in person, by saying what a strange year we have had.

Well, this year has been a little better with the return of meetings in September last and more Masters and Commanders able to be Installed and many brethren Advanced into our wonderful order. We have however sadly lost more good friends and brothers and we have stood to order for them today.

We have been able to assist some more local charities this year and through the generosity of the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) we have made presentations to 8 Hospices of cheques totalling £48,000.00 i.e. £1,000.00 for each of the 48 Mark Lodges within the Province at that time.

Also, the MBF have funded a sum of £29,600.00 requested by this Province for the Clowns in the Sky Charity to help them stock sensory trolleys for children in 48 hospitals with brain tumours.

I have been keeping in touch with Almoners throughout the Province assisted by worshipful Brothers Michael Levene and Geoff Newman.

On behalf of our Almoners I would remind all Brethren that if you have a problem or difficulty, please inform your Lodge Almoner so he can help you, or if he is unable to, he will consult with me to see what help is available.

My contact details are of course on the Provincial website.

Mark well and stay safe

W Bro Roy Kaye PGJD

Provincial Grand Almoner

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHARITY STEWARD'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2021

Firstly, I would like to thank all the Lodge Charity Stewards for their continuing support which due to the Covid situation can only be described as the most difficult times in living memory. With little or no meetings taking place it has seen unprecedented times regarding fund raising.

However, with your unwavering generosity the Province of Essex has kept abreast with meeting commitments in supporting our long term charities, and assisting those Mark Masons in need.

I am sure you are now all aware about raising funds for the Essex MBF 2030 Festival. It may seem an awful long way off but believe me time passes so quickly it will soon be upon us before we know it.

It is these donations that allow the Mark Benevolent Fund to financially support charities and other good causes around the country, Essex has certainly benefited from these and although there are those amongst us who will not be here in 2030 it is a legacy to leave behind.

As you will observe from the account sheet the charity fund remains financially sound which is only made possible by your generosity.

The trustees are always eager to make donations from either the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund or the Essex Mark Welfare Fund to worthy causes within the local community. So, if you are aware of any organisations or indeed individuals that might be looking for financial assistance then please submit an application together with any supporting evidence either to myself or to the Provincial Grand Secretary whereupon your request will be reviewed.

One of the pleasing things to see is that nearly all of the Essex Mark Lodges have now gained their Mark Benevolent Fund Grand Patron Gold Award. Just four more left to make it but I'm sure with a little help all Lodges will achieve this goal in the very near future and make Essex a Gold Award Province.

I have continued to acknowledge donations from Lodges by email to respective Charity Stewards and in some cases copying in the Secretary for good measure. I trust those letters of thanks have been read out at your Lodge Meetings to demonstrate how we as a Province are grateful for your generosity. I have also updated the Lodge EMBF Honorifics when donations have been received.

I would like to remind all the Brethren that I can always be contacted either by phone or email, these details are shown on the Essex Mark website and I will do my utmost to answer any queries you may have.

Finally due to the humanitarian turmoil in Ukraine a Disaster Fund was set up, the MBF made a donation of £25,000.00. A call was then sent out to Lodges for further assistance, the response from Essex has been beyond all expectations, making us once again proud to be members of the Mark Degree.

W. Bro. P. (Pete) Maloney

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

MARK LODGE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND PATRONAGES

Lodge Name	MBF Award	Provincial Honorific
Constantine Lodge 145	Grand Patron Gold	QUINVIGUPLE
Beaconsfield Lodge 205	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Chelmer Lodge 342	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORDECUPLE
Brentwood Lodge 377	Grand Patron Gold	DECUPLE
St Nicholas Lodge 413	Grand Patron Gold	VIGUPLE
George Graveley Lodge 461	Grand Patron Gold	TRIGUPLE
West Ham Lodge 467	Grand Patron Gold	DUODECUPLE
Dunmow Lodge 527	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORDECUPLE
Grays Thurrock Lodge 570	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Aurelius Lodge 814	Grand Patron Gold	NONUPLE
Beriffe Lodge 825	Grand Patron Gold	OCTODECUPLE
Ambresbury Lodge 834	Grand Patron Gold	NOVEMVIGUPLE
Rainham Lodge 859	Grand Patron Gold	UNDECUPLE
The White Stone Lodge 864	Grand Patron Gold	TREDECUPLE
Isthmian Combined Service Lodge 891	Patron	SEXTUPLE
Fillebrook (fine dining) Lodge 944	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Crowstone Lodge 945	Grand Patron Gold	TRETRIGUPLE
Boleyn Castle Lodge 998	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORDECUPLE
St Katharine's Lodge 1026	Grand Patron Gold	TREVICUPLE
Essex Installed Mark Masters Lodge 1044	Grand Patron Diamond	UNDICUPLE
Pymmes Park Lodge 1056	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Tudor Lodge 1092	Grand Patron Gold	OCTUPLE
Wayfarers Lodge 1096	Grand Patron Gold	TREDECUPLE
Essex Jubilee Lodge 1123	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENDRECUPLE
Oakleaf Lodge 1126	Grand Patron Gold	QUINDECUPLE
Tuscan pillar lodge 1142	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORDECUPLE
Upminster Lodge 1195	Grand Patron Gold	UNTRIGUPLE
Khalsa Royal Oak Tree Lodge 1244	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Chingford Lodge 1252	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Saxon Shore Lodge 1319	Grand Patron Gold	NOVEMVIGUPLE
Wyven Lodge 1333	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENDRECUPLE
Craftsmen of Walden Lodge 1366	Grand Patron Gold	VIGUPLE
Naze tower Lodge 1380	Grand Patron Gold	DUOVIGUPLE
Potters Clay Lodge 1399	Grand Patron Gold	UNDICUPLE
Mark of Industry Lodge 1413	Grand Patron Gold	OCTOTRIGUPLE
Battlesbridge Lodge 1415	Grand Patron Gold	NOVEMDECUPLE
Forest of Waltham Lodge 1444	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE

Thameside Lodge 1463	Grand Patron Gold	SEXTUPLE
Ilford St Mary Lodge 1470	Grand Patron Gold	DUODECUPLE
Mark of True Friendship Lodge 1480	Grand Patron Gold	QUINDECUPLE
Mayflower Lodge 1536	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Viking Lodge 1564	Grand Patron Gold	UNQUINQUAGUPLE
The Combined Stewards Lodge 1628	Grand Patron Gold	DUOQUADRAGUPLE
Mark of Love & Remembrance Lodge 1718	Grand Patron Gold	QUINVIGUPLE
Stilus et Denarius Lodge 1735	Vice Patron	QUADRUPLE
The Easterford Mark Lodge 1781	Grand Patron Gold	OCTUPLE
The Centurion Lodge 1804	Grand Patron Gold	VIGUPLE
Northern Star of MMM Lodge 2012	No Account	DOUBLE
Essex Mark Armed Forces Lodge 2016	Grand Patron Gold	NONUPLE
Southern Star Lodge 2026	No Account	PATRON

ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGES MARK BENEVOLENT FUND PATRONAGES

Lodge Name	MBF Award	Provincial Honorific
Constantine RAM Lodge 145	Patron	UNDECUPLE
Beaconsfield RAM Lodge 205	Patron	DOUBLE
Chelmer RAM Lodge 342	Patron	SEXTUPLE
Brentwood RAM Lodge 377	Patron	SINGLE
St Nicholas RAM Lodge 413	Patron	TRIPLE
George Graveley RAM Lodge 461	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
West Ham RAM Lodge 467	Patron	SINGLE
Dunmow RAM Lodge 527	Patron	QUADRUPLE
Grays Thurrock RAM Lodge 570	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Aurelius RAM Lodge 814	Patron	SINGLE
Ambresbury RAM Lodge 834	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
The White Stone RAM Lodge	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Fillebrook RAM (DC's Lodge) 944	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Crowstone RAM Lodge 945	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Boleyn Castle RAM Lodge 998	Grand Patron	TRIPLE
St Katharine's RAM Lodge 1026	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Essex Enthroned Commanders Lodge	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Pymmes Park RAM Lodge 1056	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Tudor RAM Lodge 1092	Patron	TRIPLE
Essex Jubilee RAM Lodge 1123	Patron	SINGLE
Tuscan Pillar Ram Lodge 1142	Patron	DUODECUPLE
Upminster RAM Lodge 1195	Patron	SEPTUPLE
Khalsa Royal Oak Tree RAM Lodge 1244	Patron	SINGLE

Chingford RAM Lodge 1252	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Saxon Shore RAM Lodge 1319	Patron	TRIPLE
Wyven RAM Lodge 1333	Nil	NO ACCOUNT
Craftsmen of Walden RAM Lodge 1366	Nil	SINGLE
Naze Tower RAM Lodge 1380	Patron	QUADRUPLE
Potters Clay RAM Lodge 1399	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Mark of Industry RAM Lodge 1413	Grand Patron	QUATTUORDECUPLE
Battlesbridge RAM Lodge 1415	Patron	SINGLE
Forest of Waltham RAM Lodge 1444	Patron	SINGLE
Thameside RAM Lodge 1463	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Ilford St Mary RAM Lodge 1470	Patron	DOUBLE
Mark of True Friendship RAM Lodge 1480	Patron	NO ACCOUNT
Mayflower RAM Lodge 1536	Nil	SINGLE
Viking RAM Lodge 1564	Patron	OCTUPLE
Combined Stewards RAM Lodge 1628	Patron	SINGLE
Mark of Love & Remembrance RAM Lodge 1718	Nil	NO ACCOUNT

OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED 2022

1	Prov.G.S.W.	W.Bro.	G R W	Gordon	MacLean	Dunmow	527
2	Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	R D	Robin	Morley	Saxon Shore	1319
3	Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	T J	Terence	Nixon	Mayflower	1536
4	Prov.G.S.O	W.Bro.	B W	Barry	Shepherd	Tuscan Pillar	1142
5	Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	V M	Vincent	Bull	Mark of Love & Remembrance	1718
RA	Prov.G.Chap.	W.Bro.	R L	Roger	Smith	West Ham	467
RA	Prov.G.Treas.	W.Bro.	C R	Clive	Snell	Tuscan Pillar	1142
RA	Prov.G.Reg.	W.Bro.	B C E	Brian	Dack	Wayfarers	1096
RA	Prov.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	P	Paul	Busby	Viking	1564
10	Prov.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	A E	Anthony	Goater	Battlesbridge	1415
RA	Prov.G.Alm.	W.Bro.	R	Roy	Kaye	Tuscan Pillar	1142
RA	Prov.G.Ch.Stwd.	W.Bro.	P A	Peter	Maloney	Mayflower	1536
13	Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	M A	Michael	Jervis	Brentwood	377
14	Prov.Dep.G.Chap.	W.Bro.	N R	Norman	Eastbrook	Easterford	1781
15	Prov.Dep.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	G W	Geoffrey	Newman	Crowstone	945
16	Prov.Dep.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	P W	Philip	Richardson	Ilford St Mary	1470
17	Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	A P	Andrew	Hurrell	Mark of True Friendship	1480
18	Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	J R	Jonathan	Simons	White Stone	864
19	Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	G J	Geoffrey	Waddoups	Mark of Love & Remembrance	1718
20	Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	W J	William	Jones	Pymmes Park	1056
21	Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	M L	Michael	Scotchmer	Chingford	1252
22	Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	A J	Andrew	Sylvester	Naze Tower	1380
23	Prov.A.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	C R	Colin	Kendrick	St Nicholas	413
24	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	D R	David	Lambert	Forrest of Waltham	1444
25	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	J R	James	Quinn	Grays Thurrock	570
26	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	C J	Christopher	Shaw	Forrest of Waltham	1444
27	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	C M	Christopher	Smith	Rainham	859
28	Prov.G.Org.	W.Bro.	C B	Charles	Lowry	Potters Clay	1399
29	Prov.G.St.B.	W.Bro.	K J	Kenneth	Berry	Viking	1564
30	Prov.A.G.St.B.	W.Bro.	R T	Robin	Fletcher	West Ham	467
RA	Prov.G.I.G.	W.Bro.	R A	Bob	Needham	Wyven	1333
32	Prov.G.Stwd	W.Bro.	R M J	Robert	Benham	Essex Jubilee	1123
RA	Prov.G.Tyler.	W.Bro.	L R	Laurence	Kavanagh	Essex Jubilee	1123

FIRST APPOINTMENTS (PAST RANKS)

34	P.Prov.G.I.Wks	W.Bro.	C H	Charles	Elliott	White Stone	864
35	P.Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	V D	Victor	Hodson	Wayfarers	1096
36	P.Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	P	Peter	Houghton	Mark of Love & Remembrance	1718
37	P.Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	M W	Michael	Manning	Wyven	1333
38	P.Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	A	Alan	Thomas	Naze	1380

39	P.Prov.G.St.B.	W.Bro.	S P P	Stephen	Gaish	Mark of Industry	1413
40	P.Prov.G.St.B.	W.Bro.	R W	Robert	Johnson	St Katharine's	1026
41	P.Prov.G.St.B.	W.Bro.	A S	Andrew	Wilkins	Thameside	1463

42	P.Prov.A.G.St.B	Bro.	C R	Colin	Tuck	Oakleaf	1126
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PROMOTIONS

43	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	D M	David	Bailey	Ilford St Mary	1470
44	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	J D	John	Burgess	George Graveley	461
45	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	H J	Hugh	Everitt	Grays Thurrock	570
46	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	R B	Robin	Hall	Mark of True Friendship	1480
47	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	A M	Anthony	King	Aurelius	814
48	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	D S	David	Mustoe	Thameside	1464
49	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	C R	Clive	Purdy	West Ham	467
50	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	C F R	Clive	Rees	White Stone	864
51	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	D J	David	Rose	Chelmer	342
52	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	D	Desmond	Wilson	Easterford	1781

53	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	G A	Graham	Brown	Chingford	1252
54	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	K D	Keith	O'Brien	Rainham	859
55	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	A G	Alfred	Rogers	Essex Jubilee	1123
56	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	R M	Robert	Sandy	Beaconsfield	205
57	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	P S	Paul	Thurgood	Crowstone	945
58	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	A T	Abraham	Yusef	Brentwood	377

59	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	P	Paul	Drummond	St Katharine's	1026
60	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	R J	Robert	Eason	Wayfarers	1096
61	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	P J	Peter	Gardner	Khalsa Royal Oak Tree	1244
62	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	F W J	Francis	James	Centurion	1804
63	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	D J	Derek	Sandell	Beaconsfield	205
64	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	R L	Roger	Smith	West Ham	467
65	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	C R	Clive	Snell	Tuscan Pillar	1142

66	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	A J	Adrian	Armstrong	Centurion	1804
67	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	K C G	Kirit	Bedia	Pymmes Park	1056
68	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	R J	Richard	Burch	Boleyn Castle	998
69	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	E D	Edward	Green	St Nicholas	413
70	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	J	Jeffrey	Hierons	Beriffe	825
71	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	R	Richard	Hollier	Mark Of Industry	1413
72	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	J E	James	Jenkins	Chelmer	342
73	P.Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	A	Andrew	Pugh	Potters Clay	1399
74	P.Prov.G.J.O..	W.Bro.	K	Keith	Brown	Easterford	1781

75	P.Prov.G.I.Wks	W.Bro.	C N	Christopher	Gray	Boleyn Castle	998
76	P.Prov.G.I.Wks	W.Bro.	B J	Barry	Grethe	Thameside	1463

77	P.Prov.G.I.Wks	W.Bro.	M J	Mark	Osborne	Oakleaf	1126
78	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	D A R	Derek	Cook	Iford St Mary	1470
79	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	A J	Andrew	Johnson	Wyven	1333
80	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	D	Dennis	May	West Ham	467
81	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	A R	Arthur	Millman	Centurion	1804
82	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	M J	Michael	Halford	Essex Jubilee	1123
83	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	W A	William	Murchie	Mayflower	1536
84	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	M	Michael	Puttick	Saxon Shore	1319
88	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	P J	Paul	Snoad	Mark Of Industry	1413
86	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	R	Robert	Todd	Upminster	1195
87	P.Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	C D	Colin	Crombie	Mark of True Friendship	1480
88	P.Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	R W	Robert	Deal	Easterford	1781
89	P.Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	R A	Robert	Needham	Wyven	1333
90	P.Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	P D	Peter	Rodway	Aurelius	814
91	P.Prov.G.A.D.C.	W.Bro.	M I	Martin	Cargill	George Graveley	461

PROVINCIAL ROYAL ARK MARINER GRAND RANKS (Invested 15th March 2022)

W.Bro.	Andrew	Hardie	Constantine	145
W.Bro.	Kenneth	Jarvis	Constantine	145
W.Bro.	David	Hibbs	Beaconsfield	205
W.Bro.	John	Hubbard	Brentwood	377
W.Bro.	John	Hopkins	St. Nicholas	413
W.Bro.	David	Rout	St. Nicholas	413
W.Bro.	Martin	Cargill	George Graveley	461
W.Bro.	Dennis	May	West Ham	467
W.Bro.	andrew	Finch	Aurelius	814
W.Bro.	Lesley	Morgan	Aurelius	814
W.Bro.	Peter	Rodway	Aurelius	814
W.Bro.	Robert	Whittingham	White Stone	864
W.Bro.	Peter	Steele	Crowstone	945
W.Bro.	Peter	Burch	Boleyn Castle	998
W.Bro.	Paul	Drummond	St. Katharines	1026
W.Bro.	Neil	Taylor	Tudor	1092
W.Bro.	Clive	Snell	Tuscan Pillar	1142
W.Bro.	Simon	Higgins	Chingford	1252
W.Bro.	Criag	Bowles	Saxon Shore	1319
W.Bro.	Keith	Holdaway	Wyven	1333
W.Bro.	Barry	Grethe	Thameside	1463
W.Bro.	Derek	Murton	Thameside	1463
W.Bro.	Andrew	Hurrell	Mark of True Friendship	1480
W.Bro.	William	Welsh	Mark of True Friendship	1480
W.Bro.	William	Murchie	Mayflower	1536
W.Bro.	Ivor	Bennett	Viking	1564
W.Bro.	Colin	Thomas	Mark of Love & Remembrance	1718
W.Bro.	Geoffrey	Waddoups	Mark of Love & Remembrance	1718

*You can boast of your mountain passes and your cliffs that touch the sky,
But give me the Essex marshes where the wide winds lie.
You can keep your hills and valleys if I may stand at dawn,
Drenched in the gentle beauty of the land where I was born.*



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