



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

To be held as

A Virtual Business Meeting

Saturday 5th June 2021 at 11:00 hours

Presiding

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

W. Bro. John Finlay
Deputy Provincial Grand Master

V.W. Bro. Mark Steven Reeve
W. Bro. Richard Goodwin
Assistant Provincial Grand Masters

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Essex

Paper of Business

Your attendance is requested at a Virtual Business Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Essex to be held on 5th June 2021 at 1100 hours in lieu of the regular meeting scheduled to have been held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 during the General Suspension of Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Order of Business

1. The Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of Essex R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern will declare the meeting open.
2. To read the Permission to Hold a Provincial Virtual Business Meeting
3. The Provincial Grand Master will welcome the guests.
4. To approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held 20th August 2020.
5. The Memory of Brethren of the Province who have passed to the Grand Lodge above will be honoured.
6. Letters and Communications will be read.
7. To approve the Audited Accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Essex.
8. Election of Provincial Grand Treasurer one nomination has been received.

W.Bro. C.R. Snell

9. Election of two Provincial Auditors, the following Brethren have been nominated:

W.Bro. C.J. Race

W.Bro. D.A.J. Wilson

10. Election of four Members of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes, the following Brethren have been nominated:

W.Bro. C.R. Dunnico W.Bro. R. Kaye W.Bro. P.A. Maloney W.Bro. D. Wilson

11. 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. Kaye

W.Bro. P.A. Maloney

W.Bro. C.R. Snell

W.Bro. P. Busby

12. The Provincial Grand Almoner will submit his report.

13. The Provincial Grand Charity Steward will submit his report.
14. To Confirm Provincial Appointments and Promotions.
15. To receive a short Address from the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro Terence D. Sheern.
16. The Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern will declare Provincial Grand Lodge closed.

Minuets of the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge

Virtual Business Meeting

Thursday 20th August 2020 at 1900 hrs

There were 100 Brethren present at the Virtual Business Meeting with apologies from 27 further Provincial Members. Names having been recorded for all those who gave prior notice of attendance.

The Presiding Officer declared the meeting open at 1900 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 the Assistant Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison and the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Ryan Williams. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master continued to welcome his personal guests of which all their names have been recorded.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on Thursday 30th May 2019 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 and a show of hands by the Brethren indicated their acceptance of the minutes.

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 list of departed Brethren was read by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master V.W.Bro.Richard Bowyer.

The Report of the Committee of General Purposes for year ending 31st August 2019 having been circulated and also published on the Provincial website was put to the Brethren for adoption.

This was Proposed by W.Bro. Robin Hall and Seconded by W.Bro. John Finlay and a show of hands by the Brethren indicated their acceptance of the Report.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master called for the Provincial Grand Treasurer to present the Provincial Accounts. The Provincial Grand Treasurer having given his apologies due to ill health the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master asked for the Auditors to comment: W.Bro. Christopher Race commented that he along with his fellow Auditor W.Bro. Andrew Cuthbertson had examined the Books and other Records of the Province and found them satisfactory and has the pleasure in Proposing their acceptance. This was seconded by W.Bro. John Finlay. A show of hands by the Brethren indicated their acceptance.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master acknowledged the commitment of W.Bro. Alan Everard for his hard work as Provincial Grand Treasurer especially during his recent illness. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master also thanked W.Bro. Derek Manister for stepping in and assisting Alan when he was in hospital.

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 explained that the Provincial Grand Charity Steward W.Bro. Peter Maloney had given his apologies for his poor internet connection and had nothing further to add to his report that was in the Agenda Booklet.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Confirmed the Provincial Appointments and Promotions and personally congratulated all those in attendance by name.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS TO THE BRETHREN

20th AUGUST 2020

"Brethren, as you have all had a copy of my address, which was included in the Annual Meeting booklet for May, and as I know you will have all read and digested every word, I don't intend repeating myself again tonight!

I should, however, just like to take a few minutes of your time on other matters but, before I do, I thank the Assistant Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for their attendance this evening. We were all looking forward to their company at Felsted this year so I hope they can both join us next year for a bumper meeting.

I also thank all of you for joining the meeting this evening, it really is good to see so many of you; I have been going through the gallery and it's good to see you your happy smiling faces again. I have congratulated those who were appointed or promoted as of May, but I should like to reiterate that once again and thank you all for your support to our Province, our Lodges and, where appropriate, wear your new regalia with pride.

Brethren, I am fully aware of how some of you feel about returning to meetings and say again, so there is no misunderstanding, you must only return to meetings when the time is right for you. There is absolutely nothing wrong with not attending meetings or of course, on the other hand for wanting to attend meetings. It is, as always, a personal choice.

Having said that, the Grand Secretary and the staff at Mark Masons Hall have been working hard behind the scenes to provide us with the framework to resume meetings for those who wish to do so. For me, personally, this is a big step forward and I certainly look forward to attending meetings in the very near future.

We all know things are not going to be the same for some time so, with the glass half full, we have to make the best of what we have.

We all know our ceremonies will not be the same but the Candidates waiting to join us also know things are not the same at the moment. That does not stop us giving the best ceremony we can, remembering that when we do eventually return to normality, they will see the Advancement and or Elevation ceremony as it should be conducted and that will make the evening more enjoyable for them as well.

Having spoken to colleagues around the country who have attended meetings even under the restricted conditions and guidelines, the one thing I have heard is how good it is to experience again what we get from our meetings and each other's company. It is not necessarily something we can describe but I think you all know what I mean.

I also wish to take the opportunity to clear up any misunderstandings regarding dining after a meeting as I have heard comments such as "a meal after a meeting is contrary to government rules" and the like. So, for clarity, if Lodges meet at a centre or location where restaurant style dining is available then Lodge members who wish to may have a meal, but not a festive board. The rules are that there can be no festive board style setting. No toasts or speeches, no sprig type seating plan, no standing up and no toasting etc. You are to behave as though you are in a restaurant and members must book to dine with the centre directly themselves; the Lodge cannot make a group booking.

As the Lodge members, in the main, are not members of the same family, the table must be set out for two diners only per table. Again, having a meal after a meeting is solely a personal choice, the purpose of the meal would be purely to socialise.

To the Secretaries and DCs among you, please try to attend the zoom meetings arranged for you. You will be the ones your Lodge looks to for advice and help over the next few months. By attending the zoom meetings, you will be better prepared to assist your Lodges and the members when you return to meetings.

Brethren, I must again take the opportunity to thank W.Bro. Roy Kaye, the Provincial Almoner, and his small team of volunteers, for the great work they have also been doing behind the scenes in keeping in touch with Lodges, “thank you” Roy, Michael and Geoff!

I also thank the media team for keeping us well informed and up to date and for keeping us amused with the competitions, photos, and posts etc.

Lastly, I thank those of you who were involved in our Sunday “meals on wheels” initiative, the feedback has been so generous. We made many new friends and have convinced others to return to the fold, I have also received, so far, one application form from a non “mark man” who now wants to join us because of the scheme! Well done to all and “thank you”.

Brethren, before I close and ask the Assistant Grand Master to address you, I should like to make one other announcement.

I am sure you will all have seen the financial assistance package circulated from Grand Lodge outlining no increases and the reduction in fees and charges this next year. I am sure you will agree this will help Lodges not only retain members but also help recruit new ones.

Taking the lead from Grand Lodge, I have decided there will be no Provincial Fees to pay this next year for both the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges although other “general charges” will continue in the normal manner.

Having taken into account our current financial position and, remembering we did not have to pay for an annual meeting this year, I thought it appropriate to return that money, as it were, to you, the members, via your Lodges, thus in a way to benefit everyone.

So, there will be no Provincial Fees to pay for the next year which were due as of the 1st September. With the package from Grand Lodge and now the Province, Lodge Treasurers can now make forecasts of their Lodge account balances and perhaps see a way of passing these savings on to the lodge members. Although that decision is, of course, for each Lodge to consider in light of their own circumstances.

Brethren, I thank you for your attendance and for your attention and should now like to invite the Assistant Grand Master to address us. Thank You"

ADDRESS FROM ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

As I said earlier, it really is a joy to be with you all albeit on Zoom which I'm sure you will agree, has become the norm nowadays. Personally I, and I guess all of you, prefer face to face meetings but if this is what we have to do to beat this virus then so be it. Having said that Brethren I do look forward to the time when we can all be together in each other's company. And it is happening Brethren, slow and steady but no coercion on anyone, the decision to return to meetings, albeit with modified social distancing ceremonies is a personal one and must be respected.

Tonight, has been a great privilege and delight for me, and I do thank you all for the very warm welcome not only given to me but also to our Grand Secretary RW Bro Ryan Williams who's with us also.

PGM, RW Bro Terry, it has been a super gathering and can I take this opportunity to congratulate you for organising it and also to congratulate all the Brethren of the Province of Essex on their appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Lodge.

Brethren I don't need to tell you that your PGM is a very dedicated and hardworking Mason and is doing a splendid job in your Province. RW Bro Terry, it is now six years since you became PGM, and you have certainly made your mark. On behalf of Grand Lodge, can I give you our grateful thanks for all you do in your Province and further afield.

So, what's happening at Mark Grand Lodge Brethren. Well, as you well know the suspension of meetings has been lifted and Lodges are able to return to some kind of normality if they wish. Mark Masons Hall, has been reopened on reduced hours. During the lockdown, the Grand Secretary and many of his staff were working from home and it's been very much business as usual. The last quarterly communication due to be held on the 9th June, where the Active appointments and first appointments to Grand Rank would have been conferred, could not take place due to Covid 19, but those appointments became effective from that date and each recipient received a congratulatory letter from the Grand Master himself. The Promotions in Grand Rank which were due to be conferred at Grand Lodge on 8th September will become effective from that date but unfortunately due to the current rule of the amount of people able to meet together, that meeting also has had to be abandoned.

I can tell you that our Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro Ray Smith and our Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. John Prizeman are both well and we all keep in regular contact by telephone, email and Zoom.

The Trustees of our Mark Benevolent Fund, now in its 151st year, are still meeting virtually and carrying out their good work in providing support to many good causes including grants to our own Brethren and Corona virus related projects. The annual MBF Festival, this year in Kent, should have taken place in June but had to be postponed, but plans are being made for it to be held next March, subject to Government guidance.

R.W. PGM, Brethren all, thank you for your attention. Being a very much hands on person, (well perhaps not so much at the moment) and whilst it is part of my duties to address you and inform you all on what is going on in our Orders, what I really enjoy is spending time meeting, listening to and discussing what you as members have to say and I do look forward to the day when I am able to come to Essex and do just that face to face, when I can shake your hands and we can get back to what I always call, the Magic of the Mark!

Thank you again PGM for inviting me to join you and thank you all again Brethren, for the generous welcome given to R.W. Bro. Ryan and myself this evening.

The Assistant Grand Master and the Grand Secretary had previously agreed with the Provincial Grand Master to take part in a Question and Answer, session with the Brethren in attendance after the Provincial Business Meeting had been completed. This was well received and very informative.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master thanked the Assistant Grand Master R.W. Bro. Stephen Davison and the Grand Secretary R.W. Bro. Ryan Williams for attending and especially for answering the Brethren's questions. He also thanked all the Brethren for taking time out to attend the meeting and looked forward to seeing them all in person again round the Province.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master declared the meeting closed at 20:00 hrs.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS of ESSEX

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE HAVE TO RECORD THE FOLLOWING DEATHS

W.Bro.	William Edward Frederick Vaux	DILLOWAY	Grays Thurrock	7 th May 2020
Bro.	James	KEIR	Potters Clay	15 th May 2020
W.Bro.	Rodney Lister	BASS	Saxon Shore	14 th July 2020
W.Bro.	Peter	NEICHO	Boleyn Castle	10 th August 2020
Bro.	Melvyn Lewis	DAY	Centurion	14 th August 2020
W.Bro.	Cecil Norris	LITTLER	Wayfarers	6 th September 2020
W.Bro.	Paul James	KOSTROMIN	Tuscan Pillar	21 st September 2020
W.Bro.	Alan John	EVERARD	The White Stone	23 rd September 2020
Bro.	Maurice Victor	JOHNSON	Beriffe	24 th October 2020
W.Bro.	Michael John	DALEY	Boleyn Castle	15 th November 2020
W.Bro.	John	JEWERS	Tudor	16 th November 2020
Bro.	Martin John	PEARSE	Aurelius	18 th December 2020
W.Bro.	Neil	GARBUTT	Ambresbury	19 th November 2020
W.Bro.	Walter Stanley	GRIMSEY	Wayfarers	10 th January 2021
W.Bro.	Terence	EDWARDS	Thameside	17 th January 2021
W.Bro.	Brian Sidney	WOOD	St. Katharine's	18 th January 2021
W.Bro.	David Frank	EDGE	Essex Jubilee	5 th February 2021
Bro.	Robin Andrew	SUDLOW	Centurion	24 th February 2021
W.Bro.	Deryck	CORKE	Constantine	28 th February 2021
W.Bro.	Alan John	MYERS	Wayfarers	5 th March 2021
W.Bro.	John	SHARP	Mark of Industry	5 th March 2021

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ESSEX

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2020

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the Accounts for the Province for the year ended 31st August 2020. A very different year for Masonry generally with the impact of Covid 19 effecting every aspect of our business. But particularly sad when we lost our Treasurer Alan Everard who passed to the Grand Lodge above in August 2020.

The highlight was the hard work put into our Meals on Wheels service which with the help of the Mark Benevolent fund assisting us with a grant of £23,750.00.

Our sincere thanks also to all those who work tirelessly in running both the On-line Shop and the Bonus Ball Lottery, both of which had a very successful year raising significant amounts for the Welfare Fund.

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

Finally, I would like to express my grateful thanks to my predecessor, Derek Manister, and Richard Bowyer for their invaluable support and assistance during the handover period and my continuing thanks to the Provincial Grand Secretary and the Provincial Grand Charity Steward for their help and co-operation in enabling the efficient maintenance of the financial records.

W. Bro. 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. Race P.Prov.G.S.O.

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 2020

<u>2019</u>			<u>2020</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
5,777	Lodges:	Annual Dues	£ 5947
139		Registration Fees	114
88		Dispensations	115
			6,176
2,200	Fees of Honour:	MMM	£ 1610
420		RAM	490
			2,100
2,250	Provincial Officers' Mess		£ 2820
(2,220)	<i>Less Dining Costs</i>		-2675
			145
1,000	J. Edwards Legacy (Restricted use)		
9,654			£ 8,421
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
14,245	Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting		£ 541
(8,295)	<i>Less: Dining Receipts received</i>		541
5,950	<i>Transfer from Felsted Reserve</i>		-
862	Secretary's Expenses		912
40	Craft Yearbook		40
1,200	Equipment Storage		1195
60	Mark Times		187
	Regalia/Equipment		653
590	Mark Awareness		284
232	Provincial Website		292
127	Sundry Expenses		128
-	Bank charges		
9,061	Transfer from Legacy Reserve		-380
593	Surplus (Deficit) for the Year		3852
12,107	General Reserve brought forward		£ 4,570
12,700			11,700
1,000	Transfer to Legacy Reserve		16,270
11,700	General Reserve carried forward		16,270
4,190	Special Reserve		4,190
1,000	Legacy Reserve		620
16,890			£ 21,080

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ESSEX
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020 (CONTD)

<u>2019</u>			<u>2020</u>
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
19,335	HSBC Treasurer Account:		£ 22,702
200	Prepayments:	Equipment	£ 199
		Storage	
117		Felsted School-Deposit 2018 Meeting	117
		Weebly	374
111	Debtors	Deposit Key Ample storage	690
			91
<u>19,763</u>			£ 23,483
	<u>Less: Current Liabilities</u>		
600	Provincial Collar Deposits - 2019		£ -
	Provincial Collar Deposits - 2020		280
311	Insurance Premiums refunds due to Lodges		253
			533
1,962	Creditors		1,870
			2,403
<u>16,890</u>			£ 21,080
	<i>REPRESENTED BY:</i>		
11,700	General Reserve		16,270
4,190	Special Reserve		4,190
<u>15,890</u>			<u>20,460</u>
1,000	Legacy Reserve		620
<u>16,890</u>	TOTAL RESERVES		£ 21,080

W. Bro. Clive Snell
Provincial Grand Treasurer

ESSEX MARK BENEVOLENT FUND
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020
(Charity No. 1135170)

<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>
	<u>Income</u>	
	Contributions:	
4,600	Lodges	£ 2,200
386	Members	736
20,000	Essex Mark Welfare Fund	16,770
2,082	Collection at Provincial Meeting	
5,000	Return of South & East Caribbean donation 2017-18	
218	Interest Received	204
32,286		£ 19,910
	<u>Expenditure</u>	
	Mark Benevolent Fund Festivals:	
1,000	Sussex 2019	
1,000	Kent 2020	1,000
1,000	East Lancashire 2021	2,000
1,000	Surrey 2022	2,000
1,000	West Yorkshire 2023	2,000
	Cheshire 2024	2,000
	Oxfordshire 2025	1,000
5,000		10,000
2,500	Friends of Hamilton Court	2,500
13,000	Craft Festival	9,000
1,000	SAFE	1,000
100	Southend-on-Sea YMCA	
500	Children with Cancer UK	
	Mark Benevolent Fund	16,190
22,100		£ 38,690
10,186	Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(18,780)
29,400	Accumulated surplus brought forward	39,586
39,586		£ 20,806
	<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>	
	<u>Current Assets</u>	
30,422	Grand Charity Relief Chest	13,813
8,753	HSBC Community Account	6,993
411	HMRC Tax credit due	
39,586		£ 20,806

W. Bro. Clive Snell
Provincial Grand Treasurer

ESSEX MARK WELFARE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

<u>2019</u>			<u>2020</u>
	<u>Income</u>		
	Contributions:		
	MCF Donation - Coronavirus Sunday Lunches		26,750
9,030	Lodges	£ 11,137	
5,185	Members	5,357	16,494
581	Sale of Ties, Tokens & Cufflinks		585
	Advancee Packs		535
1,857	Regalia sales		1,479
113	Postage on sales from online shop		274
950	Sale of Benevolent Fund Badges		1,180
	Key Rings		556
	Face Masks		635
	Tea@3 Mugs		988
2,780	Golf day		
475	Officers' Mess raffle		490
1,820	Bonus Ball		2600
<u>22,791</u>			<u>£ 52,566</u>
	<u>Expenditure</u>		
20,000	Essex Mark Benevolent Fund		16,770
	Coronavirus Sunday Lunches		27,264
408	Purchase of Ties, Tokens, Cufflinks and Regalia		795
47	Postage on sales from online shop		116
	Great Wakering Sea Scouts		200
	Kingsway School		560
	Widows Sons Icen Chapter		500
	Key Rings		770
92	Fees on Sales from online shop		241
100	Distressed Brethren		250
500	Purchase of Benevolent Fund Badges		1,500
50	Donation to Mark Benevolent Fund		
<u>21,197</u>			<u>£ 48,966</u>
1,594	Surplus for year		3,601
19,736	Accumulated surplus brought forward		21,330
<u>21,330</u>			<u>£ 24,931</u>
	<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
	<u>Current Assets</u>		
22,020	HSBC Bank Account	£	25,676
	<u>Less: Current Liabilities</u>		
690	Creditors		745
<u>21,330</u>			<u>£ 24,931</u>
	W. Bro. Clive Snell		
	Provincial Grand Treasurer		

PROVINCIAL GRAND ALMONER'S REPORT 31st AUGUST 2020

Brethren

I am sure I am not the first to say it, but what a strange year we have had. Sadly we have lost many friends, Brothers and also family members. Numerous meetings have had to be cancelled or switched to Virtual Business Meetings on Zoom. Masters and Commanders Elect have not made it to their Chairs and new Advancees have not yet been able to experience our wonderful Advancement Ceremony.

Despite all this , we have seen the Mark Brethren of Essex again display their great generosity of spirit in organizing and delivering Sunday lunches to 150+ members, their wives and Lodge widows, over a 13 week period last year. We thank the Mark Benevolent Fund for their financial support of this program.

The Province has supported a number of Charities in the last year, including:

- SAFE- Supporting Aspergers Families in Essex
- Clowns in the Sky- a Cancer Charity
- Essex & London Homeless
- Southend Foodbank

I have been keeping in touch with Almoners throughout the Province on a regular basis and encouraging them to be in touch with their members. My thanks to Worshipful Brothers Michael Levene and Geoff Newman for assisting me with this.

The latter part of 2020 saw the production of the Almoners Handbook, which was sent to all Lodge Almoners and can now be accessed on the Provincial Website. Hopefully you will find the information in the Handbook useful.

Please remember Brethren , your Almoner can only help if you keep him informed of any Brother who may need assistance. I also need to be kept informed and be assured I am here to offer assistance when required.

My contact details are of course on the Provincial website.

Mark well & stay safe

W Bro Roy Kaye

STOP PRESS

I am delighted to report that the Mark Benevolent Fund have agreed our application to fund a sum of £29,600 for Clowns in the Sky. This National Charity supports children in hospital with brain tumors and their families.

They provide portable activity & sensory trolleys to keep the children occupied and are in 43 hospitals from Isle of Wight to Newcastle.

They also send in Clowns to entertain the kids giving respite to the parents and hospital staff. Our Province has recently helped them set up and stock a trolley at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, their 5th site in Essex. Now the MBF are going to fund the Nationwide re stocking of all their trolleys in 2021.

W Bro Roy Kaye

Provincial Grand Almoner

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHARITY STEWARD'S REPORT 31st AUGUST 2020

Yet again another year has passed. It has been a privilege and honour to be the Provincial Grand Charity Steward in what can only be described as the most difficult period in many years, and certainly my lifetime.

Not in their wildest dreams could anyone have envisaged the impact this present Covid pandemic would have not only on our Masonic activities, but indeed the way we live.

Very early on in the first lock down the Essex Mark ably assisted by funding from the MBF made a massive impact on the well being of vulnerable Mark Masons by rolling out the meals on wheels scheme.

These being unprecedented times regarding our fund raising capability, our members stepped up to the challenge in response to meals on wheels and many Lodges plus the generosity of individuals made donations to the Welfare Fund assisting us to continue supporting those in need.

This past year despite a considerable drop in charitable donations the Trustees have still managed to support not only the long term commitments to Stisted Hall and SAFE but a number of grants to other charities, and personal ones have been made available. This is only possible with your continuing support.

I feel certain that in the coming months life will gradual return to some form of normality allowing us to once again meet up and carry out our masonic duties..

So perhaps now is the time to not forget the past but look forward to the future with a positive attitude.

The Essex Mark 2030 Festival does at the moment appear to be a long way off. But we all know by our previous life experiences how quickly time passes, and realistically it is only just around the corner. So I now believe the time is right to kick start the process and begin to raise funds so that, The Mark Province of Essex can achieve a special Festival for all to remember. There are a number of ways we can support this cause and I am certain in the coming months there will be plenty of opportunities to support this worthy cause, by both Lodge and personal donations and by attending arranged activities in the coming years..

I have during this present situation continued to acknowledge donations from Lodges to their prospective Charity Stewards and in some cases the Secretary. I trust those letters will eventually get read out when meetings resume to demonstrate how we, as a Province, are very appreciative of your generosity.

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

W. Bro. Peter Maloney

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

MARK LODGE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND PATRONAGES

Lodge Name	MBF Award	Provincial Honorific
Constantine Lodge 145	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENDRECUPLE
Beaconsfield Lodge 205	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Chelmer Lodge 342	Grand Patron Gold	VIGUPLE
Brentwood Lodge 377	Grand Patron Gold	DECUPLE
St Nicholas Lodge 413	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENDRECUPLE
George Graveley Lodge 461	Grand Patron Gold	OCTOVIGUPLE
West Ham Lodge 467	Grand Patron	DUODECUPLE
Dunmow Lodge 527	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORDECUPLE
Grays Thurrock Lodge 570	Grand Patron Gold	NONUPLE
Aurelius Lodge 814	Grand Patron Gold	QUADRUPLE
Beriffe Lodge 825	Grand Patron Gold	QUINDECUPLE
Ambresbury Lodge 834	Grand Patron Gold	NOVEMVIGUPLE
Rainham Lodge 859	Grand Patron Gold	UNDECUPLE
The White Stone Lodge 864	Grand Patron Gold	TREDECUPLE
Fillebrook (fine dining) Lodge 944	Grand Patron Gold	NO ACCOUNT
Crowstone Lodge 945	Grand Patron Gold	OCTOVIGUPLE
Boleyn Castle Lodge 998	Grand Patron Gold	DECUPLE
St Katharine's Lodge 1026	Grand Patron Gold	VIGUPLE
Essex Installed Mark Masters Lodge 1044	Grand Patron Diamond	UNDECUPLE
Pymmes Park Lodge 1056	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Tudor Lodge 1092	Grand Patron Gold	OCTUPLE
Wayfarers Lodge 1096	Grand Patron Gold	UNDECUPLE
Essex Jubilee Lodge 1123	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORDECUPLE
Oakleaf Lodge 1126	Grand Patron Gold	DUODECUPLE
Tuscan pillar lodge 1142	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Upminster Lodge 1195	Grand Patron Gold	QUATTUORVIGUPLE
Khalsa Royal Oak Tree Lodge 1244	Grand Patron Gold	TREDECUPLE
Chingford Lodge 1252	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Saxon Shore Lodge 1319	Grand Patron Gold	SEXVIGUPLE
Wyven Lodge 1333	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENDRECUPLE
Craftsmen of Walden Lodge 1366	Grand Patron Gold	DUODECUPLE
Naze tower Lodge 1380	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Potters Clay Lodge 1399	Grand Patron Gold	UNDECUPLE
Mark of Industry Lodge 1413	Grand Patron Gold	SEXTRIGUPLE
Battlesbridge Lodge 1415	Grand Patron Gold	DECUPLE
Forest of Waltham Lodge 1444	Grand Patron Gold	TREDECUPLE

Thameside Lodge 1463	Grand Patron	SEXTUPLE
Ilford St Mary Lodge 1470	Grand Patron Gold	DECUPLE
Mark of True Friendship Lodge 1480	Grand Patron Gold	QUINDECUPLE
Mayflower Lodge 1536	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENDRECUPLE
Viking Lodge 1564	Grand Patron Gold	SEPTENTRIGUPLE
The Combined Stewards Lodge 1628	Grand Patron Gold	SEXTRIGUPLE
Mark of Love & Remembrance Lodge 1718	Grand Patron Gold	UNVIGUPLE
Stilus et Denarius Lodge 1735	Vice Patron	TRIPLE
The Easterford Mark Lodge 1781	Grand Patron Gold	OCTUPLE
The Centurion Lodge 1804	Grand Patron Gold	SEXDECUPLE
Northern Star of MMM Lodge 2012	(New Lodge no Patronage)	NO ACCOUNT
Essex Mark Armed Forces Lodge 2016	(New Lodge no Patronage)	NO ACCOUNT

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

***NB**

OFFICERS TO BE APPOINTED 2021

RA	Prov.G.S.W.	W.Bro.	R.A	Ray	McKerron	Mark of Industry
RA	Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	N.R	Norman	Eastbrook	Easterford
RA	Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	R.B	Robin	Hall	Mark of True Friendship
RA	Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	A.W	Andrew	Cuthbertson	Dunmow
RA	Prov.G.J.O.	W.Bro.	R.	Roy	Latchman	Khalsa Royal Oak Tree
RA	Prov.G.Chap.	W.Bro.	R.L	Roger	Smith	West Ham
RA	Prov.G.Treas.	W.Bro.	C.R	Clive	Snell	Tuscan Pillar
RA	Prov.G.Reg.	W.Bro.	B.C.E	Brian	Dack	Wayfarers
RA	Prov.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	P.	Paul	Busby	Viking
RA	Prov.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	M.J.	Mick	West	Beaconsfield
RA	Prov.G.Almoner.	W.Bro.	R.	Roy	Kaye	Tuscan Pillar
RA	Prov.G.Charity Stwd.	W.Bro.	P.A.	Peter	Maloney	Mayflower
RA	Prov.G.I.O.Wks.	W.Bro.	A.J.	Alan	Wood	Combined Stewards
RA	Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	K.R.	Ken	Jarvis	Constantine
RA	Prov.Dep.G.Chap.	W.Bro.	G.R.W.	Gordon	MacLean	Dunmow
RA	Prov.Dep.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	A.	Tony	Goater	Mark of Love & Remembrance
RA	Prov.Dep.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	V.	Vince	Bull	Mark of Love & Remembrance
RA	Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	M.	Martin	Pickett	Chingford
RA	Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	J.A.J.	James	Tyrrell	Beaconsfield
1	Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	C.	Charles	Ager	The White Stone
RA	Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	A.J.	Barney	Bannington	Ambresbury
RA	Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	P.M	Peter	Burch	Boleyn Castle
2	Prov.G.J.D.	W.Bro.	R.	Geoff	Newman	Crowstone
RA	Prov.A.G.Sec.	W.Bro.	R.	Robin	Morley	Saxon Shore
3	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	P.J.	Jack	Saunders	Brentwood
RA	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	G.J.	Geoff	Waddoups	Wayfarers
RA	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	P.W.	Phillip	Richardson	Illford St. Mary
RA	Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	S.W.	Steven	Chandler	Mark of Industry
RA	Prov.G.Organist.	W.Bro.	C. B.	Charles	Lowry	Potters Clay
RA	Prov.G.Std.B.	W.Bro.	D.A.	Alan	Hibbs	Beaconsfield
RA	Prov.A.G.Std.B.	W.Bro.	T.F.	Terry	Norris	Constantine
RA	Prov.G.I.G.	W.Bro.	R.A.	Bob	Needham	Wyven
RA	Prov.G.Stwd.	W.Bro.	J.R.	Jonathon	Simons	The White Stone
4	Prov.G.Stwd.	W.Bro.	G.	George	Lambeth	Easterford
5	Prov.G.Stwd.	W.Bro.	W.	William	Welsh	Mark of True Friendship
6	Prov.G.Stwd.	W.Bro.	D.A.	David	Rootkin	Chelmer
RA	Prov.G.Tyler.	W.Bro.	L.	Laurie	Kavanagh	Essex Jubilee

FIRST APPOINTMENTS (PAST RANKS)

7	P.Prov.G.SD.	W.Bro.	J.	John	Lavery	Battlesbridge
8	P.Prov.G.SD.	W.Bro.	B.	Bryan	McDonald	Boleyn Castle
9	P.Prov.G.JD.	W.Bro.	M.	Michael	Davis	Tuscan Pillar
10	P.Prov.G.JD.	W.Bro.	M.	Michael	Barrett	Crowstone

11	P.Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	G.	Graham	Lucas	Mark of Love and Remembrance
12	P.Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	J.	Jimmy	Quinn	Thurrock
13	P.Prov.A.G.D.C.	W.Bro.	B.	Barry	Warner	Saxon Shore
14	P.Prov.G.Std.B.	W.Bro.	G.	Gerald	Munson	Saxon Shore
15	P.Prov.G.Std.B.	W.Bro.	S.	Steven	Bailey	Wyven
16	P.Prov.G.Std.B.	W.Bro.	L.	Leonard	Taphouse	Upminster
17	P.Prov.Ast.G.StdB.	W.Bro.	K.	Keith	Foreman	Ilford St.Mary
18	P.Prov.Ast.G.StdB.	W.Bro.	D.	David	Bolesworth	Grays Thurrock
19	P.Prov.Ast.G.StdB.	W.Bro.	L.	Leslie	Dunn	St. Katharine's

PROMOTIONS

20	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	R.	Robin	Morley	Saxon Shore
21	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	D.	Derek	Burrell	Pymmes Park
22	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	K.	Kevin	Hyde	St Katharine's
23	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	D.	David	McIntosh	Wyven
24	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	M.	Michael	Singleton	White Stone
25	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	A.	Arthur	Bennett	Upminster
26	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	N.	Nicholas	Fenning-Mills	Mark of Industry
27	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	P.	Peregrine	French	Ambresbury
28	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	P.	Phil	Hind	Brentwood
29	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	M.	Martin	Howse	Pymmes Park
30	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	V.	Victor	Humphreys	Oakleaf
31	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	N.	Nigel	Owen	Brentwood
32	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	S.	Stuart	Rogers	Upminster
33	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	C.	Colin	Sycamore	Essex Jubilee
34	P.Prov.G.J.W.	W.Bro.	J.	John	Watson	Tudor
35	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	P.	Peter	Nason	Wayfarers
36	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	D.	Donald	McKillop	Chelmer
37	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	T.	Terence	Ayre	Beaconsfield
38	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	F.	Frederick	Bowler	Dunmow
39	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	A.	Alan	Brady	Upminster
40	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	K.	Kenneth	Finch	Aurelius
41	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	J.	John	Reilly	Beriffe
42	P.Prov.G.M.O.	W.Bro.	E.	Edward	Smith	Ambresbury
43	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	D.	David	Wilson	Crowstone
44	P.Prov.G.S.O.	W.Bro.	P.	Philip	Rowlands	Boleyn Castle
45	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	J.	John	Wareing	Wyven
46	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	J.	Jesse	Mitchell	Upminster
47	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	H.	Harvey	Lean	Craftsmen of Walden
48	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	G.	Graham	Harris	Mayflower

49	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	S.	Steven	Bannington	Craftsmen of Walden
50	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	G.	Graeme	Smith	Mark of True Friendship
51	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	A.	Anthony	Piercy	Saxon Shore
52	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	T.	Tim	Allen	Mayflower
53	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	J.	John	France	Essex Jubilee
54	P.Prov. G.J.O.	W.Bro.	D.	David	Hook	Chingford
55	P.Prov.G.Reg.	W.Bro.	C.	Colin	Felton	Mark of True Friendship
56	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	A.	Ian	MacGregor	St Katharine's
57	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	W.	Warren	Hurling	Constantine
58	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	K.	Kelvin	Bowles	Saxon Shore
59	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	H.	Howard	Becker	Tudor
60	P.Prov.G.Swd.B.	W.Bro.	J.	John	Smith	Grays Thurrock
61	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	D.	David	Chambers	Chelmer
62	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	D.	David	Rout	St Nicholas
63	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	S.	Steve	McConnell	West Ham
64	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	B.	Brian	Birkin	Beriffe
65	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	G.	Gary	Watson	Craftsmen of Walden
66	P.Prov.G.S.D.	W.Bro.	L.	Les	Morgan	Aurelius
67	P.Prov G.J.D	W.Bro.	J.	John	Chambers	Beaconsfield
68	P.Prov G.J.D	W.Bro.	C.	Christopher	Mockford	Forest of Waltham
69	P.Prov G.J.D	W.Bro.	I.	Ivan	Bruce	Aurelius
70	P.Prov G.J.D	W.Bro.	K.	Keith	Holdaway	Pymmes Park
71	P.Prov.G.Std.B.	W.Bro.	B.	Brian	Mardle	Naze Tower

PROVINCIAL ROYAL ARK MARINER GRAND RANKS (Invested 16th March 2021)

W.Bro. Charles Ager	White Stone Lodge	N ^o 864
W.Bro. Kelvin Bowles	Saxon Shore Lodge	N ^o 1319
W.Bro. Roderick Bradley	Battlesbridge Lodge	N ^o 1415
W.Bro. Paul Busby	Viking Lodge	N ^o 1564
W.Bro. Steve Joslin	St Katharine's Lodge	N ^o 1026
W.Bro. Laurie Kavangh	Flanders Lodge	N ^o 1966
W.Bro. Michael Kropidlowski	Wyven Lodge	N ^o 1333
W.Bro. Vincent Pole	Tudor Lodge	N ^o 1092
W.Bro. Roger Smith	West Ham Lodge	N ^o 467
W.Bro. Paul Snoad	Mark of Industry Lodge	N ^o 1413

***Provincial Honorific Awards listed by seniority.**

SINGLE

DOUBLE

TRIPLE

QUADRUPLE

QUINTUPLE

SEXTUPLE

SEPTUPLE

OCTUPLE

NONUPLE

DECUPLE

UNDECUPLE

DUODECUPLE

TREDECUPLE

QUATTUORDECUPLE

QUINDECUPLE

SEXDECUPLE

SEPTENDRECUPLE

OCTODECUPLE

NOVEMDECUPLE

VIGUPLE

UNVIGUPLE

DUOVIGUPLE

TREVIGUPLE

QUATTUORVIGUPLE

QUINVIGUPLE

SEXVIGUPLE

SEPTENVIGUPLE

OCTOVIGUPLE

NOVEMVIGUPLE

TRIGUPLE

UNTRIGUPLE

DUOTRIGUPLE

TRETRIGUPLE

QUATTUORTRIGUPLE

QUINTRIGUPLE

SEXTRIGUPLE

SEPTENTRIGUPLE

OCTOTRIGUPLE

NOVEMTRIGUPLE

*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.*