



Dear Brother Mark Master Mason,

Essex Mark Provincial Grand Lodge

The Annual Meeting of the Essex Provincial Grand Lodge is to be held on Thursday, 1st June, 2023 at our fabulous new venue, New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3HS, starting at 2pm. The meeting and dining will be concluded by 6pm latest.

As your Provincial Grand Master, I am keen to ensure as many as possible have the opportunity to attend the meeting and I therefore wish to extend my personal invitation to you.

All Mark Master Masons subscribing to an Essex Lodge are entitled and encouraged to attend; you do not have to be a Grand, Provincial Officer, Master or Past Master to be present.

The meeting is the Annual General Meeting for our Province; I will ensure that everyone is brought up to date on important initiatives in our Province in both the Mark and RAM Degrees.

You will also be present to congratulate your fellow Brethren receiving honours on the day. I know the presence of friends and fellow Brethren adds so much to their day and reiterates one of the important tenets of our degree, that we are the friendly degree.

To Mark Master Masons who are new to the Degree, you are particularly encouraged to attend; you will have plenty of opportunity to make new friends, meet and speak to senior members of the Province and enjoy the spectacle of the day. There will be displays and stands from the other Masonic Orders and items of historical and general interest of the Mark and RAM Degrees.

There will be items for sale from our own regalia store and shop, the proceeds of which go to the Essex Mark Welfare Fund.

Finally, Mark Master Masons have the opportunity to make a discovery about the Mark Degree. When you were raised to the Third Degree in Craft you learned of the loss of Hiram Abif, the Chief Architect of King Solomon's Temple. But did you ever wonder if he had a successor? Well, the full secrets are restricted to the Masters Chair in Mark but, if you pay attention in both the opening and closing, you will make a further discovery in your masonic journey.

Full details are available on the Mark website, at www.essexmark.co.uk, and copies of the Summons and Dining Forms are also attached for your personal use. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Terence D. Sheern,
Provincial Grand Master