



Key Times

for Sussex Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariner



A new Pro Grand Master - Right Worshipful Brother Paul Raymond Clement.
Also, growth in new members in the Mark and RAM

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A note from the Editor.

Well summer has arrived with a bang, temperatures soaring so take care at meetings and keep an eye on members who may struggle in this extreme heat.

Grand Lodge have announced the new Pro Grand Master, the letter announcing the appointment is on page 3. He will be Invested at The Mark Grand Lodge Meeting on 9th June.

This month has been far from the winding down towards the summer break. Many of the activities such as the RAM Assembly and Officers Mess have been a great success but have come too late to be included in this edition. There have been a number of Advancements and Elevations!

Please keep sending these articles in!

Dave Allen

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Cover Picture: W.Bro. David B. Dumigan Dep.Prov.G.M, W.Bro. Phil Young, W.Cdr and newly Elevated Bro. Lee Horton at Hothampton Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 703

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To: All Mark Master Masons

Appointment of Pro Grand Master

Dear Brethren

On the instruction of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, I sent a letter to Right Worshipful Brother Paul Raymond Clement, OStJ, inviting him to be our next Pro Grand Master, in succession to Most Worshipful Brother John Herbert Prizeman.

I am delighted to inform you that I have received a positive reply from R.W.Bro. Clement accepting the appointment, and that his investiture will take place on Tuesday, 9 June at the communication of Mark Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street.

R.W.Bro. Clement is well known to many of us, not only through his work in the Mark but in many other Orders of Freemasonry. His distinguished Masonic journey has many high points. To give you a flavour of these, here are some of the key moments.

Paul was initiated into Freemasonry in Corinthian Lodge No. 4917, South Wales, in December 1978, and subsequently exalted into Corinthian Chapter in November 1980. He received his first Craft Grand Rank as Deputy Grand Organist in 1993 aged just 35. He now Holds the Rank of Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Craft, and Grand Superintendent in and over South Wales in the Royal Arch.

His Mark journey began in 1983, being Advanced into Neath Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1125 and he was later Elevated into Neath Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in 1984. His first Mark Grand Rank came in 1989 as Assistant Grand Organist, followed by appointment to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 1995. He served as Provincial Grand Master for South Wales from 2008 to 2016 and is a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council (Honoris Causa).

He is a member of, and holder of senior Grand Rank in, all the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, plus several further afield. Most notably, having been Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor from 2014 to 2017, a role he relinquished upon appointment as Grand Master of the Great Priory of Knights Templar in May 2017, a position he still holds.

In addition, Paul is a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd Degree in the Antient and Accepted Rite, Knight Commander of the Priestly Orders in the Order of Knight Templar Priests, Adept of Christian Rosencreutz in the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, and Provincial Grand Master for London and the Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland

With such a weighty Masonic CV behind him we will have a very skilled and knowledgeable Pro Grand Master, who brings together many of the important strands of Freemasonry, and one who will no doubt use that breadth of experience to help lead Mark Masonry into the next generation of our existence.

I'm sure you join with me in sending R.W.Bro. Clement our warmest congratulations on this thoroughly well-deserved appointment and wish him every success and happiness in the role.

Yours sincerely and fraternally.

R.W.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.J.W.

Grand Secretary



W.Bro. Simon Larard – Assistant Provincial Grand Master

Simon, the son of a Naval captain, was born and educated in Cardiff and went on to build a career defined by challenge, unusual locations, and a long sequence of decisions that seemed entirely sensible at the time - though, like many things in Freemasonry, perhaps clearer after some reflection.

Originally earmarked for a naval career (*very much his father's plan*). After doing his 'A' levels he began working life with a summer season holiday job at Butlins in Minehead—an experience that provided a rapid introduction to real life, and very likely convinced him that almost anything else would be an improvement... *including, eventually, joining organisations where minutes actually mattered.*

He then joined South Wales Police (*for clarity in Wales, not Australia*), serving in Cardiff - particularly in Ely - where he developed his policing skills while fully committing to rugby. At the time, competitive sport and policing went hand in hand, and Simon embraced both enthusiastically. As he often reminds us, *'those were indeed the days'* - though possibly before regular committee meetings replaced training schedules.

During his six years there, he received three commendations, which he modestly attributes to *'being in the wrong place at the wrong time... and occasionally running towards things sensible people were running away from'* - a trait that, as many here will recognise, also makes him highly suited to volunteering for Masonic offices.

He then made what he still describes as a *'logical'* move into the Army - because, as he explains, *'it felt safer than being a policeman in Ely,'* which perhaps tells you everything you need to know about Ely at the time.

Joining the Royal Military Police - affectionately known as *'the Monkeys'* - he managed to fail basic training twice. Not through lack of ability, but because he was busy playing in an Army rugby cup final. Despite this, he eventually passed out as Best Recruit - clear evidence that persistence, good timing, and being in the right place at the right time can occasionally work in your favour, not to mention being captain of the successful ruby team!!... a principle not entirely unknown to those seeking progression in Freemasonry.

Posted to Catterick - entirely coincidentally the home of the Corps rugby team which he again captained - he later transferred to the Special Investigation Branch, where he developed expertise in investigations, intelligence, *and maintaining a straight face in situations where this was clearly an unreasonable expectation...* a skill that has proved equally valuable when listening to ceremonies without rehearsal.

His career then took a more serious turn with service in Northern Ireland, followed by selection for the Close Protection Unit - reassuring evidence that someone trusted him to look after important people... *a responsibility not entirely unlike being placed in charge of a festive board seating plan!*

This was followed by deployment during the Falklands conflict and a posting to the British Embassy in Beirut, suggesting that this confidence not only continued, but perhaps exceeded what might reasonably have been expected.

He later passed selection for the Special Reconnaissance Regiment, a role he describes simply as: *'a lot of patience, a lot of waiting... and trying very hard not to be noticed'* - which many will agree is excellent preparation for certain parts of a Lodge meeting.

On leaving the Army, Simon returned to policing with Sussex Police. Within a short time - following what he modestly calls a *'chance meeting'* - he moved into the Special Operations Unit, becoming a close protection and weapons instructor before specialising further in covert work within Special Branch.

His approach to certain firearms officers was simple, clear and memorable, *'Don't take it out of the holster'*.

Through various secondments, his work took him across the world, including Kosovo, Macedonia, the Iraq mission in Jordan, Lebanon, and Nigeria - taking him, as he notes, somewhat further afield than Minehead, though not necessarily into better-organised meetings.

As Senior Police Adviser to the Macedonian government, he provided strategic leadership—although he remains convinced he was selected only because *'everyone else voted for me while I'd stepped out of the room to go to the loo'*, a method of appointment that some may feel has certain efficiencies.

In Iraq, managing multinational teams, he described the experience as *'like herding cats... even if the cats were armed, enthusiastic, and occasionally ignored instructions'* - which again may sound familiar to anyone who has ever tried to organise a rehearsal.

Alongside his professional life, Simon has maintained a long and distinguished involvement in Freemasonry. Initiated in 1996 in Crowborough Beacon Lodge, he has since held numerous offices across Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, RAM, and RSM, and has founded four lodges - two in Middlesex, and is a member of 9 other units.

In 2023, he was appointed a Grand Steward and is due to be promoted to Past Grand Junior Deacon—clear evidence that, despite everything, he has continued to work his way steadily through the system... and has not yet learned how to say “no.”

If something needed organising, founding, or quietly improving, Simon was usually involved—often before anyone else realised it needed doing, and occasionally before it had even been formally proposed.

On the domestic front, Simon has been married to his wife Jill for over 48 years—an achievement he attributes largely to her patience and understanding, or as he puts it *'absence makes the heart grow fonder!'*

Together they raised two children, Emma and Owain, both of whom quickly learned that their father's work did not really involve going to church.

Family life, he notes, provided useful perspective: *'After dealing with international incidents, nothing quite prepares you for assembling flat-pack*

furniture... under supervision' - a situation not unlike preparing a candidate for their first ceremony.

Now a grandfather to Seren and Cerys, he describes the role as *'the best rank I've ever held—no responsibility, plenty of perks, and you can hand them back when things get lively.'* He also observes that negotiation skills developed overseas (*despite being reminded on two occasions that they were diplomatic missions!*) are still no match for a determined toddler... which may explain why some Lodge discussions take longer than expected.

Earlier in life, he was a Welsh Schools athletics record holder in the 100m and 200m and captained rugby teams in both the Police and Army. While he describes his physique as having moved from *'temple to cathedral,'* the competitive mindset remains - just with more planning, appropriate footwear, and a significantly reduced appetite for unnecessary movement.

And while the pace may have eased slightly, the instinct remains unchanged: to step forward, take on the challenge, and - whether in life, service, or Freemasonry - to occasionally volunteer for things that most sensible people would quietly avoid.

W.Bro. Simon Larard P.G.Stwd, Asst.Prov.G.M.



Earl of Courtown Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1241

A wonderful evening on Monday 11th May at the Earl of Courtown Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges No. 1241. The evening started with a RAM meeting where a rehearsal of the Ceremony of Elevation was conducted and a Royal Ark Mariner Grand Lodge Certificate presented to Bro. Michael Box.

Seamlessly, proceedings moved on to the Mark Degree meeting where W.Bro. Geoffrey Downs installed his successor, for the first time into the chair of Adoniram, Bro. Andrew Lewis. A marvellous evening in the temple and a great festive board to follow.



Hothampton Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner No. 703

It seemed like a joint Sussex and Surrey RAM meeting at Hothampton Lodge of Royal Ark Marine No. 703 on 13th May 2026. The Commander W.Bro. Phillip Young (who undertakes much of his Freemasonry in Surrey) had invited W.Bro. Richard Baker P.Dep.Prov.G.M. (Surrey) to become a Joining member. Also in attendance was W.Bro. Bill Barr P.Dep.Prov.G.M (Surrey). However, the evening belonged to Bro. Lee Horton who was Elevated in the RAM in a superb ceremony conducted flawlessly by the Worshipful Commander who was also proclaimed. Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, David B. Dumigan R.A.M.G.R presented a Mark Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Nathaniel Andrade. A fantastic display of unity and magic was enjoyed by everyone.



East Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.166

East Sussex Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.166 held their Installation meeting on the 21st May, the Installation of W.Bro. Chelsea Hall was carried out by W.Bro. Paul Hammond in an exemplary manner in the presence of W.Bro. Norman Grant, Prov.G.S.W.

The Lodge has been going through a lean period, however due to a recent recruitment drive, 3 new joiners were admitted at this meeting together with 3 new members proposed.

East Sussex Mark is now looking forward to a promising future.



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Thomas á Becket Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner No. 1831

The Thomas á Becket Mark and RAM Lodges met on the 20th May at the Charmandean Centre, Worthing. The Royal Ark Mariner Lodge Proclaimed W.Bro. Andrew Kilvington, Prov.R.A.M.G.R as Commander. In attendance was David B. Dumigan, Dep.Prov.G.M. R.A.M.G.R. with the Provincial Escort, W.Bro. Mark Hoare Prov.R.A.M.G.R.

After the RAM meeting, Thomas á Becket Mark Lodge met and W.Bro Andrew Kilvington delivered a superb description of the Mark Master Masons Tracing Board.

All enjoyed a superb festive board. If anyone is looking for a Mark and RAM Lodge to visit, that meet on the same night, in Worthing please contact their Secretary – Bob Ashley, bobashley@uwclub.net.

Picture right – Another satisfied visitor, W.Bro. Mike Fahey enjoying his meal in good company.

Picture below – Dep.Prov.G.M., David Dumigan R.A.M.G.R., relaxes after the meeting with W.Bro. George Butler R.A.M.G.R. and W.Bro Andy Kilvington Prov.R.A.M.G.R.



Mark Masonic Charities

The march of time is continuing at a relentless pace, Summer has started, the Masonic season is in full swing, and I am looking forward to the Summer break.

So, it seemed an appropriate time to produce an update on Charitable activity in the Province. The Sussex Mark Benevolent Fund has been supporting charities and brethren across Sussex which has only been possible due to the generous giving from all of you. On behalf of the S.M.B.F. thank you for the donations you have made, they have been thankfully received and faithfully applied. Please do consider a donation to the S.M.B.F. when you next review your charitable giving as it is only with your help, we can continue our good work.

Earlier last year on the 17th July the Oxfordshire 2025 Festival concluded with a wonderful meal in the beautiful Oxford University Examination Rooms. This event also marked the start of the 2026 Festival which is being hosted by the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. It is my hope that Sussex brethren will pull out all the stops to support our close neighbour by purchasing one of the 2026 Festival badges. Members of the Executive will be selling these badges at a cost of £10 each as they travel around the Province. However, if you are eager to get your hands on a 2026 Festival badge you can contact me directly and I will arrange one for you.



The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Master, RW Bro. George Deacon has announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund 2026 Festival Weekend will be held on 17th–19th July 2026 at Old Thorns Hotel & Resort, Hampshire. More information including online booking can be found here <https://festival.hants-iow-mark.org/>. Early booking is advised as this Festival is expected to be very popular.

I would also like to remind you that the Grand Master's Keystone Fund (G.M.K.F.) has been launched to celebrate forty years of service to Mark Masonry by our Grand Master, M.W.Bro. H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent. The Fund is to give bursaries to individuals that need financial support with their educational, vocational, and sporting achievements. Both Lodges and individuals can donate to this worthy cause and receive a G.M.K.F. Jewel. There is a different one for each Order administered from Mark Masons Hall so both Mark and RAM Lodges can apply, and it is our hope to see as many Sussex Lodges supporting this cause as possible. For individuals a donation of £150 will buy the GMKF Jewel, and for Lodges it is £60 + £25 per member. Anyone or any Lodge wanting to apply for a Jewel is welcome to contact me for the necessary application form.

Lastly, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the Mark Master Masons in Sussex for your donations and support. I am humbled by your generosity and proud to be a Sussex Mark Master Mason and your charitable representative.

Paul Norman



Paul E.J. Norman

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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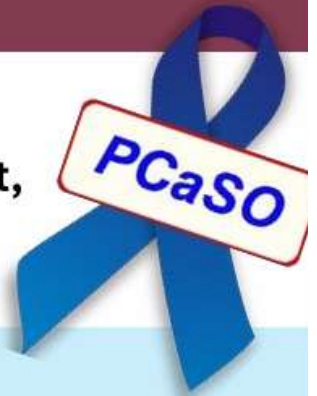
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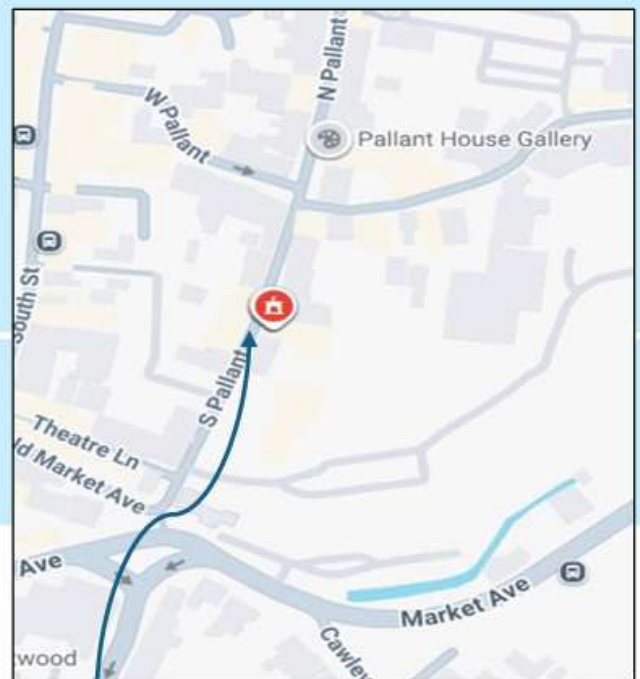
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Mark Grand Lodge 2026

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Grand Lodge - Investiture Active & 1st Appointments 2026

Tuesday, 9th June 2026

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Sussex Mark Master Mason and RAM Lodges (May 2026 - August 2026)

Date	No.	Lodge	Installation/Regular
26/05/2026	391	Lewis Mark	Regular
26/05/2026	391	Lewis RAM	Regular
27/05/2026	453	Broadwater RAM	Regular
04/06/2026	1876	Clifford W. Jeapes RAM	Installation
04/06/2026	1876	Clifford W. Jeapes Mark	Regular
05/06/2026	732	Persevere Mark	Regular
08/06/2026	164	The Southdown Mark	Regular
08/06/2026	164	Southdown RAM	Regular
11/06/2026	568	Regnum	Regular
15/06/2026	1747	Sx Prov.G.Stwds.Mark	Installation
23/06/2026	1158	Sussex IMM	Installation
23/06/2026	1158	Sussex IC RAM	Regular
24/06/2026	1530	Heffle Mark	Regular
01/07/2026	1556	Wellington Mark	Regular
04/07/2026	978	Temperence M/C Mark	Regular
06/07/2026	449	Mid-Sussex Mark	Installation
06/07/2026	1795	James Webster Mark	Regular
06/07/2026	1795	James Webster RAM	Regular
10/07/2026	1898	West Sussex IMM Mark	Installation
26/08/2026	166	East Sussex RAM	Regular

For a full list of Lodge Meetings, please go to the Provincial Website - [Sussex Mark & RAM Meetings 2025 – Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex](#).

Please contact the Provincial Grand Secretary to obtain Dispensation to change any Lodge meeting dates.

Companion Orders

Holy Sepulchre No.174

On the 18th May the Preceptory installed a new Knight, Kt. Rupert Marsh under the leadership of E.Kt. Andy Burdett E.P, also in attendance was the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Colin Dann, a team of Provincial Officers together with his Bodyguard.

The ceremony was carried out primarily by E.Kt. Andy with support from the Marshal E.Kt Nick Speight and his Deputy E.Kt. Dino Matassa who also delivered the Charge.

There were some 30 Kt's in attendance who enjoyed a splendid festive board.





Remembrance – Requiescant in pace

The names of those Brethren that have passed to the Grand Overseer above. For the latest list of Brethren then please visit [Remembrance – Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Sussex \(sussexmark.org.uk\)](http://sussexmark.org.uk)

We Remember	Date	Mark	R.A.M.
Jonathan Jeremy Wadlow	02/05/2026	568 (R)	568 (R)
Trevor Guthrie	11/04/2026	1009	
Stephen Rae Campbell	12/02/2026	703, 1898	703,1898
John Henry Smith	31/01/2026	1530	1086 (R)
Alan Chester Buckley	20/01/2026	1009 (H)	
Kenneth Arthur Clive Smith	11/01/2026	164 (R), 978 (R), 1025 (R), 1747 (R), 1795 (H), 1831 (R), 1898 (R)	164 (H), 1490 (R), 1795 (H), 1898 (R)
Robin John Cooke	02/01/2026	1158 (R), 1876 (H)	1158 (R), 1876 (H)
David Henry Morling	24/12/2025	164 (R), 1025 (R), 1158 (R), 1747 (R), 1795 (R)	164 (R), 1158 (R), 1795 (R)
Stuart James Robertson	04/12/2025	568 (R)	568 (R)
Rodney Arnold Ackers	01/12/2025	732, 1158 (R)	75 (R)
John Harris	24/11/2025	1530	1234 (R)
Ronald Sidney Brown	19/11/2025	703 (H)	703 (R)
Eric Allen	09/11/2025	453 (H)	
George Stuart Davis	02/10/2025	1117	
Gavin John Keegan	28/09/2025	164	164
Michael John Newth	26/08/2025	386 (H), 732 (R), 1158 (R), 1490 (R), 1763 (R), 1876 (R), 1931 (R)	409 (R), 1158 (R), 1490 (R), 1876 (R)
John Roger Gordon Bunn	19/07/2025	568 (H), 1158 (R)	568 (R), 1117 (H), 1158 (R)
Andrew Robert Knight	16/07/2025	1530, 1931	166
Stuart Scott-Darling	25/06/2025	703 (R), 1747 (R)	703 (R), 1117 (R)
John David Williamson	18/06/2025	978 (R), 1158 (R), 1490 (R)	1158 (R), 1490 (R)
Michael James Davey	07/06/2025	703 (H), 1747 (R)	703 (H)
Peter Malcolm Smith	02/06/2025	1245 (R)	1245 (R)
Gordon Edwin Goff	13/05/2025	568 (H), 1158 (R), 1795 (R)	568 (R), 1158 (R)
Andrew Anthony Holness	05/05/2025	1556	
Malcolm Robert Locke	12/03/2025	1556	166
Christopher David Roberts	17/02/2025	1234	
Basil Ivan Lindsey	15/02/2025	164 (H), 426, 1747	164 (H)



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