

## **Did you know that .... ?**

The Mark Degree is based on the legends of the skilful Fellowcrafts, who built the temple at Jerusalem, and continues the legend of the Second Degree.

This wonderful Order has its own Grand Lodge in St. James's, London, SW1.

The Grand Master is MW Bro HRH Prince Michael of Kent, KVCO.

Its fraternity of 41 Mark Provinces is established throughout England, Wales and its 25 Districts overseas, all of which you may attend by invitation.

Constituted by the Grand Master in 1886, the Hertfordshire Mark Province currently has 38 Mark and 30 Royal Ark Mariner Lodges which meet at the various Masonic centres spread throughout the Province, apart from Southgate.

The dates of all meetings, their venues and lists of members' ranks are contained in the Hertfordshire Year Book.

Mark Masonry is a stepping stone to the interesting degree of Royal Ark Mariner. Many Mark Lodges have their own Royal Ark Mariner Lodge attached to them – which, in due course, you may be encouraged to join – with some meeting on the same day. Most Mark Lodges meet three times per year.

Mark Masonry will open the way forward to many other degrees and orders beyond the Craft.

Check the Hertfordshire Year Book for full details; look out for notices in all Masonic Centres which list the Mark Lodges meeting there together with the names and addresses of their respective secretaries or alternatively contact the Mark Provincial Grand Secretary or view the Provincial website on [www.hertsmark.org](http://www.hertsmark.org) for further information.

## **Why is it called 'Mark' Masonry?**

..... because, like the stonemasons of yesteryear, when you are Advanced as a member you will be given your own personal and unique 'Mark' which is registered at Mark Grand Lodge. You can use it after your signature in the Lodge Attendance Book and when in communication with other Mark Masons.

Mark masonry has only two degrees, one ceremonial and one form of ritual.

The degree contains many lessons for the discerning mason and illustrates that the wisest of men can be mistaken; that the experts are often wrong; that the weakest often display perseverance far better than the strongest and that we all have a part to play in the building of life.

The Mark Degree has a great deal to offer and is a natural progression from the Craft and Royal Arch for the keen mason.

## Attention Hertfordshire Craft Masons

Have you heard of the Mark and the Royal Ark Mariner?

Well once you become a Master Mason, you are not only entitled to join Royal Arch Chapter but also the Mark Degree, which is a beautiful and most interesting degree.

Similar to the Craft, the Mark has its own Province of Hertfordshire and we invite you to consider joining the growing fraternity of Mark Master Masons.

Why not invite your Craft colleagues to join you in finding out more about the Mark degree.

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Should you wish to learn more about the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner degrees the following books, all published by Lewis Masonic, may prove of interest:

'Beyond The Craft' by Keith B. Jackson  
(ISBN 0-85318-207-8)

'Tell Me More About The Mark Degree' by  
the Rev. Neville Barker Cryer  
(ISBN 0-85318-278-7)

'Marking Well' edited by Andrew Prescott  
(ISBN 0-85318-266-3)



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