



## A Message from our District Grand Prefect

I am delighted to welcome you to the first ever edition of the Kent Gridiron. This newsletter will be published twice annually with the intention of sharing and reminding us of some of the highlights that have occurred in our District. *Enjoy*



## District Grand Council of Kent 2024

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February the Allied District of Kent held its Annual General meeting at the Franklin Rooms in Gillingham. The District Grand Prefect, R.W. Bro. Brian Ward was delighted to welcome 92 brethren to the meeting including eleven D.G.P.'s or their representatives from other Districts around the country, heads of other orders within the District and other distinguished guests to the meeting.



The District Grand Prefect, R. W. Bro. Brian Ward and his Deputy W. Bro. Geoff Whale along with the Past Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Clive Manuel gather with a number of the District Grand Prefects from different parts of the country who had travelled near and far to support the Allied District of Kent Annual meeting in Gillingham.



The District Grand Prefect, was delighted to present a Certificate for Outstanding Contribution to the Order to Bro. Peter Hayler. Peter who has only been a member of the order for just over a year has worked tirelessly to promote the Paddock Wood Council 88 which is own Council but also the District as a whole.



Welcome back to the Past District Grand Prefect, R. W. Bro. Peter Brockbank who has returned from his year in Purdah and is surprisingly not supporting a Guinness.



Following a delightful Festive board the D.G.P. was presented with a bag of crisps while his wife Toni was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers by his Deputy W. Bro. Geoff Whale



## A very Warm Welcome to our Newest Members of the District

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Bro. Simon Norcott was Introduced, Admitted and Received as a Brother of St. Lawrence the Martyr into the Ashford Council 99. Seen below with W. Bro. David Pugh (W.M.)



On the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Bro. Shane Lawlor was Introduced, Admitted and Received as a Brother of St. Lawrence the Martyr into the Invicta Council 54. Seen below with W. Bro. Neville Fourie (W.M.)



On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Bro. Nic Baker was Introduced, Received and Admitted as Bro of St. Lawrence the Martyr into the White Cliffs of Dover Council 210. Seen below with the W. Bro. Fred Brown (WM) and W. Bro David Green who delivered the lecture.



On the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Manor Road in Gillingham the Roy Albert John William Council 279 under the direction of their Worshipful Master W.Bro. Jake Jackson performed the Ceremony of the Red Cross of Babylon.

Five brethren from different Councils around the District took the degree, namely Bros Jerome, Pritchard, Laker, Tyler and Lapage. The ceremony was shared amongst members of the Council but special mention should go to W. Bros Woolcott, Doe, Pashley, Sharp, and Cameron-Potter who performed the principle roles with distinction.





## A Warm welcome given to the Visitors



At the Installation meeting of the Hartely Council 74 held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the Worshipful Master and the Brethren of the Council were delighted to welcome a number of visitors to their meeting including the Deputy Distict Grand Prefect. W. Bro. Geoff Whale.



The Worshioful Master and the Brethren of the White Cliffs of Dover Council 210 installation meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were delighted to host the District Grand Prefect who was accompanied by an full escort of District Officers and a large number of vistitors



At the regular meeting of the Invicta Council 54 held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 the Worshipdul Master and Brethren of the Council were delighted to welcome a “brace” of Disitrcit Grand Prefects, in the persons of R.W. Bro. Geoffrey Conway the D.G.P. for Essex and the District Grand Prefect for Kent R. W. Bro. Brian Ward.



## On Tramp to other Districts



The District Grand Prefect for the District of Sussex, R.W.Bro. Gene Earland welcomes a large contingent from Kent to their Annual Meeting



The District Grand Prefect for the District of Yorkshire, R.W.Bro. Brian Butterfield welcomes the D.G.P. and the Dep. D.G.P. from Kent to their Annual Meeting



The District Grand Prefect for the District of Herts and Beds, R. W. Bro. Geoffrey Cheshire and the Dep. Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Bailey welcome visitors from the District of Kent.



The District Grand Prefect for the District of Surrey, R.W.Bro. John French welcomes a large contingent from Kent to their Annual Meeting



The District Grand Prefect for the District of London, R.W.Bro. Colin Woodcock welcomes W.Bro.'s Geoff Whale and Derek Wilkins to their Annual Meeting



W.Bro.'s Derek Wilkins and Mark Woolcott attend the annual meeting for the District of Thames Valley presided over by the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Bob Chevin

## Future dates for your Diary

### AMD District of Kent

**Invites you to  
An afternoon at the races**

*Being held at Cedar House  
Wilton Road Folkestone  
Kent CT19 5HS*

*On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 12.30 till 5 pm*



*Tickets are £5 each including a  
ploughman's lunch and soft drinks.*

*Please feel free to bring your own  
alcoholic drinks and glasses*

Please reserve me \_\_\_\_ places at £5 per ticket

You can pay by Bank Transfer using these details

AMD Kent  
Sort Code 40-42-01  
Account Number 51536036  
Ref: Surname (followed by races)

Or by Cheque

Please make cheques payable to AMD Kent and  
send them with the tear off slip below no later  
than 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024

To

David Barden  
605 Maidstone Road  
Blue Bell Hill Village  
Chatham  
Kent  
ME5 9QX



**12<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

The West Kent Council 66 will be  
holding a Banner Dedication  
Ceremony  
Please do come and support the  
Council on this very special occasion.

Contact W.Bro. Mark Woolcott to  
book in.

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**The Paddock Wook Council N<sup>o</sup>. 88  
Allied Masonic Degree**

**Annual Family Sunday Lunch**

**Being held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October**



at

**Wrotham Masonic Centre**

**Raffle Prizes would be very much appreciated**

**Up and coming Meetings**

Canterbury Council 65  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Invicta Council 54  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

White Cliffs of Dover 210  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2024





# The Grand Masters Keystone Fund

Introducing the President of the Mark Benevolent Fund Our very own W. Bro Archie Torrance. D.G.S.D.



W. Bro. Archie Torrance

## Description of the Fund

The Grand Master's Keystone Fund was created in 2023 to celebrate M.W. Bro. HRH Prince Michael of Kent, *GCVO*, having given over forty years of service to Mark Masonry.

The new fund is managed by the Mark Benevolent Fund. The purpose of the fund is to grant awards to individuals to offer encouragement and financial support with their educational, vocational and sporting achievements.

Individuals making the qualifying donation may wear the distinctive breast jewel and button of the Grand Master's Keystone Fund with their AMD regalia. Councils and Districts making the qualifying donation receive the distinctive collarette, jewel and button.



## Mark Benevolent Fund Grand Master's Keystone Fund

### Individual

Donation + Metal Jewel (including Button)	£150
Donation + Silver Gilt Jewel (including Button)	£215

### Unit

Donation per subscribing member	£25
Metal Jewel (including Button)	£60
Silver Gilt Jewel (including Button)	£125

### Province-District-Inspectorate

Donation per subscribing member	£10
Metal Jewel (including Button)	£60
Silver Gilt Jewel (including Button)	£125

## Congratulations to West Kent Council

Congratulations are due to the Worshipful Master and members of West Kent Council No. 66 on having qualified as a Grand Master's Keystone Fund Council.

On 18 October 2023 at Oakley House, Bromley, W. Bro. Archie Torrance, President of the Mark Benevolent Fund and a member of West Kent Council, was delighted to present the distinctive collarette, jewel and button to the Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Ray Johnson, in open lodge, the very first time he had presented a Grand Master's Keystone Fund award. He also presented a certificate certifying that the Council had qualified for the award. Well done West Kent Council!

