



# The Kent Gridiron



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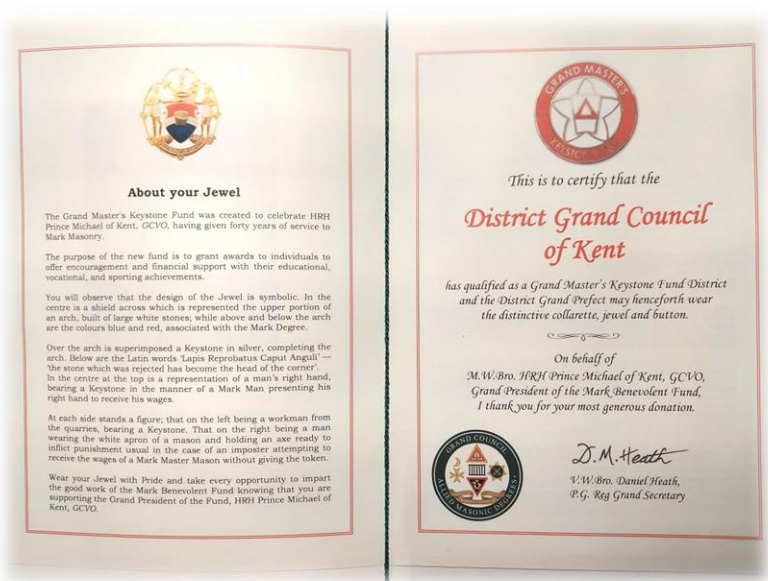
## A Message from our District Grand Prefect

I am delighted to invite you to read the third publication of the Kent Gridiron. I hope it helps to remind you of some of the wonderful highlights we have shared together over the last few months in our District. *Enjoy!*

### *A first for the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees*

At the Annual District Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 the District Grand Prefect, R. W. Bro. Brian Ward was delighted to be presented with a Grand Master Keystone Collarette and Certificate from the President of the Mark Benevolent Fund W. Bro. Archie Torrance.

The District Grand Prefect accepted the collarette on behalf of all the Brethren in the District and said he would wear it with pride.



He was even more delighted to be informed that the District of Kent was the first District in the Order to achieve this accreditation.

**Hurrah for the District of Kent**





## Our District Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February almost 100 brethren, many of whom had travelled the length and breadth of the country gathered at the Masonic Centre in Gillingham to support the District Grand Prefect for Kent R.W.Bro. Brian Ward, his officers and the brethren of the district at their annual District meeting.



Above: All set and ready to go

On the right:  
The District  
Grand  
Officers and  
Distinguished  
Kentish  
Brethren



On the left:  
A  
Perfection  
of  
Prefects







## Our District Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> February

A total of 75 Brethren dined together at the Annual District Festive Board



Above: A toast by the D.G.P. to the Distinguished Guests, Visitors and Brethren of the District



A delighted Toni with her flowers from the Dep. D.G.P.



The Dep. presents flowers to the D.G.P. for his wife Toni





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



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 Bro. John Hills was introduced, admitted and received as a brother of St. Lawrence the Martyr into the Paddock Wood Council 88 by the Worshipful Master W. Bro. Nigel Cash who was ably assisted by his officers.



On the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Bro. Alan Campkin was introduced, admitted and received as a brother of St. Lawrence the Martyr by the Worshipful Master of the Invicta Council 54 W. Bro Bill Pennell. Bro. Alan is shown above being congratulated by the District Grand Prefect R. W. Bro. Brian Ward

### The Roy Albert John Williams Council 273

The Roy Albert John Williams Council 273 is open to all past masters in the District and meets twice a year at the Franklin Road Masonic centre in Gillingham. Its main function is to carry out the two larger ceremonies that some of the smaller councils may struggle to do because of a lack of numbers. All past masters are encouraged to join this prestigious Council and can do so by contacting the Secretary W.Bro. Lew Finnis by email.

[lew8093@gmail.com](mailto:lew8093@gmail.com)

He will be happy to provide you with a joining form and assure you of a very warm and friendly welcome.



**A selection of the members who would be delighted to welcome you**





## Grand Council Certificates



On the 17<sup>th</sup> February the District Grand Prefect was delighted to present a Grand Council Certificate to Bro. Shane Lawlor of the Invicta Council 54.



On the 24<sup>th</sup> March the District Grand Prefect was delighted to congratulate Bro. Reg Pritchard of the White Cliffs of Dover Council 210 on receiving his Grand Council Certificate



On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March the District Grand Prefect was delighted to present a Grand Council Certificate to Bro. John Jerome of the Hartley Council 74. In attendance were the newly installed Master W.Bro. Lee Curtis and the Installing Master W. Bro. Phil Clare



## On Tramp

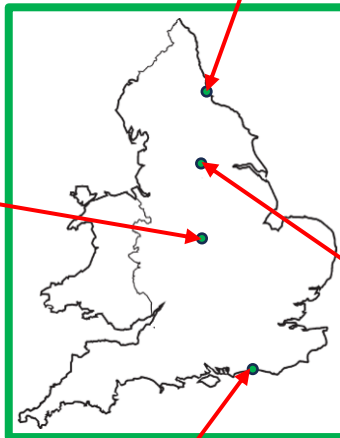
A Pictorial view of our “On Tramp” journeys availing ourselves of the fine hospitality we have enjoyed from our far-flung Brethren of the Order



W. Bro. Geoff Whale Dep. D.G.P. is welcomed by the D.G.P for the West Midlands R.W. Bro. Joe McCollum



The D.G.P. for Northumberland & Durham R. W. Bro. Danny Guy welcomes the D.G.P. for Kent R. W. Bro. Brian Ward



The Brethren from Kent are welcomed by the District Grand Prefect for Sussex R. W. Bro. Gene Earland and his Deputy W. Bro. Ivor Bennett



The delegation from Kent are welcomed by R. W. Bro. Brian Butterfield and his Deputy from the District of Yorkshire



## Installation Meetings

### White Cliffs of Dover Council 210



The Officers and Brethren of the White Cliffs of Dover Council 210 post Installation



The outgoing Master W.Bro. Fred Brown congratulates the newly installed Master of the Council W.Bro. Derek Wilkins

The W.M. and the I.P.M. alongside the newly appointed brethren who have been appointed to fill the office of S.W., J.W., S.D., J.D., and I.G. and have not yet been through the chair



### Hartley Council 74

The Brethren of the Hartley Council with the District Grand Prefect and his escort of active officers



W. Bro. Lee Curtis (WM) is congratulated by the installing Master W.Bro. Phil Care



The Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Hartley Council

## Up and coming Events

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 12.30 till 5pm*



*Tickets are £5 each  
including a ploughman  
lunch and soft drinks  
Please feel free to bring  
your own alcoholic drinks  
and glasses*

**Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ places at £5 each**

You can pay by Bank Transfer using the details below

Account Name AMD Kent  
Sort code 40-42-01  
Account Number 51536036  
Ref: Your Surname (followed by Races)

Or by Cheque

Please make the cheque payable to AMD District of Kent and send it to David Barden at the address shown below no later than

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

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



District of Kent



**9<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The Invicta Council No 54 will be Celebrating the outstanding achievement of attaining the Grand Master's Keystone Fund Jewel.

Please do come along and support the brethren of the council and help them celebrate their tremendous achievement.

To book in and for further details please contact W.Bro. David Reeves no later than **5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Email** [davenmarge@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:davenmarge@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Mobile** 07427 688280



**Paddock Wood Council No. 88  
Annual Sunday Carvery 2025**



# SUNDAY

*Carvery*



**12:00pm for 13:00pm | TBC October, 2025**

**Wrotham Masonic Centre TN15 7AN  
for further information contact:**

**[nigelp.h.cash@btinternet.com](mailto:nigelp.h.cash@btinternet.com)**



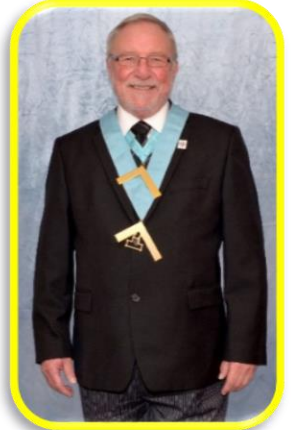


## Spotlight on David Green

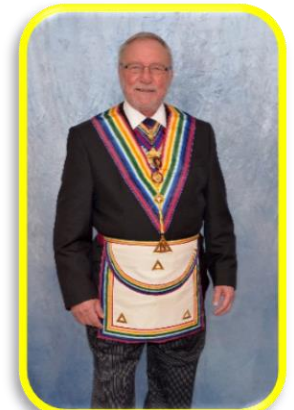


It is beyond doubt that one of the hardest working Masons in Kent has to be David Green. Not only is he in a class of his own when it comes to delivering Masonic ritual in the fifteen orders that he belongs to he also finds time to head up two of our companion orders, namely,

[The Red Cross of Constantine](#) and [The Operatives](#) (but more correctly named *The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers.*)



In the Craft and the Royal Arch David holds the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer, and Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies respectively and as you would expect is an extremely active member of seven Lodges and eight Chapters. However, many will know David from his time spent as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Degree in Kent when the Province raised a staggering £2.057m whilst in Festival. In 2008 David was introduced into the White Cliffs of Dover Council 210 in the Allied Masonic Degrees by W.Bro. John Edmondson. Seven years after joining he was installed into the chair of his council and in 2018 was promoted to rank of District Grand Senior Deacon followed by District Grand Senior Warden in 2022.



In 2021 was promoted to the active rank of Grand Standard Bearer. Currently David is Senior Warden, and a founder member, of the Past Masters' Council, The Roy Albert John Williams Council 273.

In his spare time (really) David enjoys cruising holidays and going to the theatre with his partner Sue.

On the right are eight of the other orders that David is an active member of and seen in his Masonic Regalia

