

Lodges in Province of Berkshire

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027 Porchester	Newbury	2nd Wed Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov	Stephen Lyford	01635 862746	slyford@aol.com
235 Leopold	Sindlesham	Last Mon Jan, Mar, Sep	Neil Howard	01183 750248	howard.neil@neuf.fr
257 Jersey	Wokingham	1st Thu Mar, 2nd Thu Apr, 1st Fri Oct, 3rd Thu Dec	Les Canham	07368 344127	les.canham1566@hotmail.co.uk
257 Windsor Castle	Windsor	3rd Wed Nov, Jan Mar	Alan Fone	01344 626589	alanwilliamfone@outlook.com
623 Valentia	Wokingham	4th Wed Feb, Apr, Oct, Nov	Tim Dummer	01183 778132	lodge.sec@ntlworld.com
1094 Pangbourne	Pangbourne	2nd Fri Mar, May, Jul, Sep	Adrian Lovell	01635 871872	secmark1094@gmail.com
1162 Wallingford	Wallingford	2nd Wed Apr & Dec, Last Wed Jun & Sep	Michael Sanders	01491 201757	mike.sanders57@ntlworld.com
1202 Wantage	Wantage	2nd Mon in Jan, May, Sep	Geoffrey Webb	01235 819978	g.webb1@gmail.com
1330 Berks & Oxon Inst. Masters	Wallingford	1st Fri May, 4th Fri Oct	Huw Hopkin	01792 390255	huw.hopkin@lineone.net
1342 Hungerford	Newbury	2nd Tue Apr, Jul, Sep	Stephen Berkshire	01635 30405	steve.berkshire@sky.com
1398 Old Rectory	Caversham	1st Thu Feb, May, Nov	David Keys	01189 477828	d.keys@ntlworld.com
1420 Conrad Costin	Sindlesham	4th Tue Feb, Apr, 1st Tue Nov	Richard Mackrow	01189 61 1152	richardmackrow@btinternet.com
1555 Friendship & Care	Sindlesham	3rd Tue Jan, Mar, Nov	Simon Jeffery	01932 567552	simon_r_jeffery@hotmail.com
1568 Linden Acre	Wokingham	2nd Tue Apr, Oct	Graham Parker	07966 360849	mmmSecLindenacre@gmail.com
1616 Cranley	Windsor	2nd Mon Apr, 3rd Mon Oct	Henry Hobson	0208 780 2131	henry5hobson@gmail.com
1627 Erleigh	Wokingham	4th Sat Mar, 2nd Sat Sep, 3rd Sat Nov (Afternoons)	Silverio Ostrowski	01793 783652	silverio@piece5.plus.com
1632 Caduceus	Wallingford	1st Mon Mar, Jul, Sep	Tim Lee	07769 704352	tim_lee47@hotmail.com
1657 Charles Wilkinson	Sindlesham	4th Thu Apr, 1st Thu Oct	Phillip Batten	01189 699819	phillipbatten@hotmail.com
1868 Wilder	Sindlesham	4th Tue Apr, Oct (Daylight Lodge)	Alan Spearman	01189 476978	aspearman@talktalk.net

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Provincial Grand Lodge of

Mark Master Masons

of

Berkshire



The Mark Degree

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BERKSHIRE MARK

The Province of Berkshire was constituted in 1994 following the division of the former Province of Berkshire and Oxfordshire which was constituted in 1858, two years after the founding of Mark Grand Lodge in 1856.

The union of the two Craft Grand Lodges in 1813 'moved' the Mark Degree from being worked as part of Craft or Royal Arch Ceremonies and established its independence.

When numbers had grown sufficiently, this independence was cemented in 1856, by the formation of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons whose sesquicentenary was celebrated at the Royal Albert Hall in 2006.

This degree is the third largest in Masonry.

All Brethren are eligible to join the Mark Degree as soon as they become Master Masons in the Craft and there is no prerequisite to have attained the chair in the Craft before becoming a Worshipful Master in the Mark Degree. In fact, in this degree there is a very much fuller explanation of the role of Adoniram, which helps make some sense of his inclusion in the Craft ceremony.

This Mark Province of Berkshire has its own Benevolent Fund, the Berkshire Mark

Benevolent Association (BeMBA), which supports members and their families and prides itself on its rapid response to requests for help.

THE DEGREE EXPLAINED

The Mark Degree is one of hope and encouragement and the ritual is built upon a single verse of Psalm 118, "*The stone which the builders rejected has become the headstone of the corner*". It deals with the building of King Solomon's Temple and the various Craftsmen employed, but its real message is one of contemplation of human strength and weakness.

The Degree contains many messages for the discerning man and illustrates that the wisest of men can be mistaken, that the experts are often wrong, that the weakest can display greater perseverance than the strongest, that the insignificant has the potential for distinction and that we all have a part to play in the *Building of Life*. It is for each to put his own interpretation on the message which the Degree proclaims, but there is a firm statement that no man is beyond redemption and the possibility of distinction is always within our grasp.

Finally the Degree reminds us that when the wisest and cleverest of the builders

were gathered together only one exhibited the wisdom necessary to assume the mantle of leadership.

The degree represents the everyday life of each one of us, for the Stone hewn from the virgin rock depicts us all on our journey through life, and its final recognition as perfection should be the guide to our conduct through life so that we too *may finally be found worthy*.

This leaflet is published to draw your attention to the existence of the Mark Degree and to invite you to seriously consider taking '*the next regular step*'.

If you wish to know more about Mark Masonry please take a look on our website

www.berksmark.org.uk, speak to one of the

Lodge Secretaries, the Provincial Secretary, or any member of the Provincial Executive whose names, telephone numbers and email addresses may be found on the back of this leaflet and in the Mark section of the Berkshire Year Book; any of them will be very pleased to help you.

