



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Kent

Keystone Province

150th Anniversary Keystone Province

Provincial Sesquicentenary Jewel

Dear Brethren

In 1872 three Mark Lodges in Kent were constituted into a Province. They were United Service Lodge No.69, Holmesdale Lodge No.129 & Dover & Cinque Ports' Lodge No.152. Bizarrely the 1st Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Charles Purton Cooper QC was appointed 15 years earlier in 1857. Unfortunately, there were never the requisite number of lodges to constitute a Province during his term and in 1872 at the constitution meeting of the Mark Province of Kent, Rev. G.W. Sicklemore was installed as the 2nd Provincial Grand Master.

This event took place at the Royal Hotel, Ramsgate and the constituting officer was Rev. G.R. Portal MA., M.W. Grand Master. The principal guest recorded at the meeting was R.W.Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex and Surrey which had been constituted in 1870.

It is the intention of our Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Peter David Williams to mark the occasion of the Sesquicentenary of our Province with an especial meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at the Clive Emson Suite, Kent Event Centre, Kent Showground, Detling Maidstone, ME14 3HT. On Saturday 22nd October 2022. The format of the day will be an afternoon meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge followed by dinner. Full details and booking information will be made available soon.

A Sesquicentenary Jewel has been designed (illustration below) to commemorate the occasion and a limited number have been ordered. This Jewel has been warmly endorsed by Mark Grand Lodge who have given permission for every member of this province from newly advanced members through to Grand Lodge Officers to wear this Jewel during our Mark Meetings in perpetuity, within the boundaries of our Province.

It is hoped that all members of the province will wish to purchase one of these Jewels, and you may place your orders in advance using the order form on the next page.

We strongly encourage lodges place one order for all their brethren, this will reduce costs on Postage to individual members but of course orders from individuals will be gratefully received.

Kind regards

Bob

W.Bro. Bob King P.A.G.Swd.B
Chairman of the Sesquicentenary Committee



**Sesquicentenary Jewel Pre Order Form. Jewel Cost £25.00 each plus £2.50 P&P.
(Delivery expected end of April 2022)**

For Individual Orders:

I wish to Pre Order a Sesquicentenary Jewel.

Full Name: Lodge No. email or phone number:

Address:

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I have enclosed my cheque I have paid by Bank Transfer Tick the appropriate box

For Bulk Orders by Lodge Secretaries:

I wish to Pre Order Sesquicentenary Jewels for my Lodge members

Number of Jewels Required:

Full Name: Lodge No. email or phone number:

Address:

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I have enclosed my cheque I have paid by Bank Transfer Tick the appropriate box

Payment Details:

Cheques should be made payable to: Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent

Bank Transfers should be made to: Account: 31049966 Sort Code: 60-19-02 Reference: Your name + S J

Pre Order forms should be returned to W.Bro. Phil Clare. If you paid by Bank Transfer, you can if you so wish, send the form electronically by email to: pc.clare@me.com

If you are paying by cheque, please send your form and cheque to Phil Clare, 21 Woodbine Road, Sidcup, Kent. DA15 8JJ