

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons West Yorkshire

4th December 2025

R.W.Bro Alan Oldfield Past Grand Junior Warden, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of R.W.Bro Alan Oldfield, Past Grand Junior Warden, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whose long and distinguished service to the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees has left an enduring legacy within our Province.

R.W.Bro Alan was advanced into Fearnley Mark Lodge No. 58 on 8th February 1995, becoming Master on 12th April 2000. He was elevated into Dewsbury Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 641 on 20th September 2004 and later served as Commander from 16th June 2008. His commitment and ability were quickly recognised, and he received his first Provincial Honours as Provincial Grand Treasurer in 2005.

His distinguished career within the Secretariat began in 2006, culminating in his appointment as Provincial Grand Secretary in 2010, a role he fulfilled with exemplary skill and devotion for seven years. In 2017, he was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, serving with distinction until his retirement in 2025.

At Grand Lodge level, R.W.Bro Alan received acting rank as Grand Steward in 2009, followed by promotion to Past Grand Junior Deacon in 2012, Past Grand Senior Deacon in 2018, and Past Grand Junior Overseer in 2020. In the Royal Ark Mariners, he was honoured with Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 2010 and Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank in 2014.

His exceptional service and passion for our Order were further recognised in 2024 with his promotion to Past Grand Junior Warden, an honour bestowed upon him at a special investiture in Mirfield by the Pro Grand Master himself.

Throughout his many years of service, Alan shaped our Province with his vision, wisdom, and forward-thinking leadership, helping to build the vibrant and highly respected Province we enjoy today. Known to all as approachable, warm, and unfailingly supportive, he was loved and admired both within our Province and throughout the wider Order.

We mourn the loss of not only an extraordinary Mason, but a steadfast pillar of our Province whose presence, guidance, and friendship will be deeply missed for many years to come.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to his family, friends, and brethren at this difficult time. May he rest in eternal peace.

R.W.Bro J Trevor Bolton

Provincial Grand Master