

## Mark Lodges meet at the following Locations

Alwoodley  
Baildon  
Barnoldswick  
Barnsley  
Batley  
Bingley  
Brighouse  
Castleford  
Cleckheaton  
Dewsbury  
Doncaster  
Eastwood,  
Todmorden  
Goole  
Halifax  
Harrogate  
Haworth  
Headingley  
Hipperholme  
Huddersfield  
Keighley  
Kirkburton  
Knaresborough  
Mirfield  
Otley  
Pontefract  
Pudsey  
Ripon  
Rotherham  
Slaithwaite  
Swinton  
Tapton Hall, Sheffield  
Thorne  
Uppermill  
Wakefield  
West Vale, Elland  
Wetherby



### Mark Masonry in West Yorkshire

In 1857 the Grand Master, Lord Leigh, announced that he wished any county with at least three Lodges to form them into a Province, with a Provincial Grand Master who would be welcomed by the Brethren he had to superintend - a principle that happily still applies today!

The Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was formed in 1871, with six Lodges on the roll: there are now 44, including a daylight Lodge. The Province is one of the largest outside London, with over 1050 memberships, who are proudly enjoying their Mark Masonry. Mark Lodges generally meet four to six times a year, mostly in the winter months. Mark Masons recognise the importance of family involvement, and our popular social events run throughout the year.

The ceremony of being made a Mark Master Mason, known as Advancement, is beautiful, interesting and enlightening, with the Candidate right at its heart. It depicts an incident at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and the use of a stone mason's selected Mark. It teaches important lessons about our roles in life, and how good work in due course earns its just reward.



# The Magic of the Mark



## **The Order: 'Mark Well'**

The Mark is a very old order, the third largest order in Freemasonry, and traces its origins to the same period of history as the development of the Craft and Holy Royal Arch.

It enjoys royal patronage: H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent is our Grand Master.

It benefits from a magnificent headquarters, Mark Masons' Hall: the London club for Mark Masons.

It is said by many to be their favourite order; new Mark Masons often say that they wished they had joined the Mark years before. There is an emphasis on the social side of Mark Masonry.

The Mark is an inclusive order; and admittance is open to all Master Masons irrespective of faith and cultural background.

Mark Masonry has its own registered charity, the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF), which does outstanding work in providing speedy support to members, their families and non Masonic worthy causes.

It creates a sense of belonging to the Mark family, which has an aim of promoting harmony, friendliness and enjoyment

## **The story and the ritual: 'The 4th Regular Step'**

Each Mark Mason has his own personal and unique mark, which provides a direct link to operative stonemasons who have used marks to identify their work for centuries.

The Mark degree, focusing on the keystone of the sacred arch of King Solomon, provides a comprehensive understanding of the inter-connections between the Solomonic degrees: Craft, Mark, Holy Royal Arch, Royal & Select Masters and other orders.

The beautifully written ritual teaches lessons of hope and encouragement, having confidence in the quality of one's own work and of the advantages of perseverance.

The dramatic and yet friendly ceremony illustrates that the wisest can be mistaken, that experts are often wrong, that the most insignificant has the potential for distinction and that we all have a significant part to play in building the temple.

## **The individual's perspective: 'Make your Mark'**

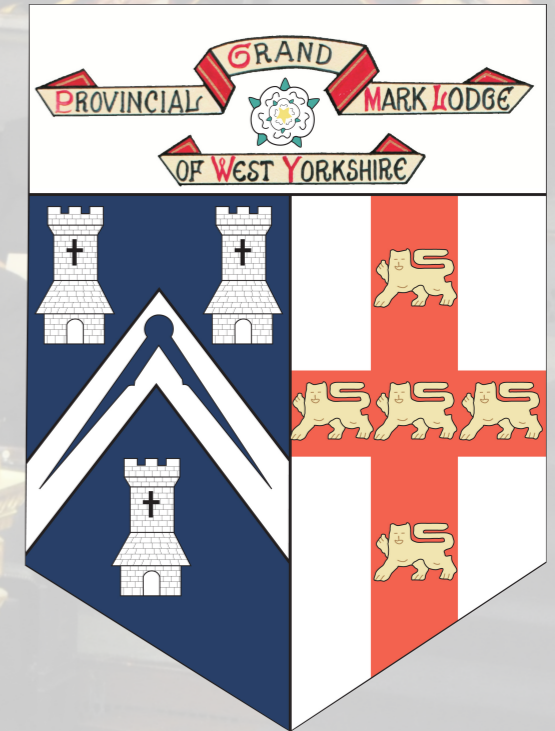
For many, it is the first move beyond the Craft and can offer a different group of people to meet and from whom to learn, thereby widening a brother's Masonic knowledge and circle of friends. It provides a gateway to other Masonic orders.

Mark Masons are enthusiastic Freemasons and extremely welcoming; there are shorter lines of communication with friendly and approachable executives. Amongst Mark Masons you will always find friends, which is why it is known as the friendly degree.

The ritual and ceremonial offer opportunities for participation to all from the day a brother joins; the candidate is not merely led round the lodge room but increasingly takes an active, central role.

Mark Masonry offers progression and growth for a greater proportion of Freemasons, with a very real opportunity to showcase their qualities and enhance their enjoyment of Masonry as a whole.

**Scan here to watch a video about  
the Magic of the Mark**



# Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons West Yorkshire

We look forward to  
welcoming you into our  
fellowship

