



## Mark Masonry

The Degree of Mark Mason has been practised since at least the 18<sup>th</sup> century. In its early days, it was conferred in Craft Lodges after the Fellowcraft Degree, in Royal Arch Chapters, or in independent Mark Lodges, held quite separately. When the United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813, the Mark was excluded from “pure Antient Masonry”, and remained without any national organisation or governing body. This unsatisfactory state of affairs changed in 1856, when the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales was formed, and our current ritual dates from then.

The headquarters of Mark Masonry in England is situated in St. James’ Street, London. His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent is the Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and its Districts and Lodges Overseas comprises a world-wide membership in the region of 200,000 brethren.



## 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 1,200 members 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 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.



*We look forward to  
welcoming you into our  
fellowship*

*James Steggles, G.M.R.A.C.*

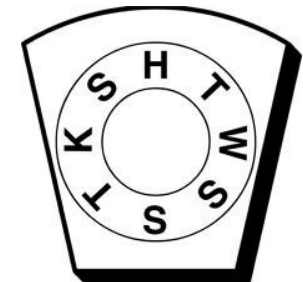
*Provincial Grand Master*

*Alan Oldfield*

*Deputy Provincial Grand Master*

*Trevor Bolton*

*Assistant Provincial Grand Master*



## Mark Lodges meet at the following

### Locations

Alwoodley, Barnoldswick

Barnsley, Batley

Bingley, Bradford

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

## What will I get out of joining the Mark Order?

Learn about the tangible link with our operative predecessors.

An advancement in your Masonic Knowledge.

Learn how the Cleeves and Whitehead Trust Supports our membership and the greater Community

Experience the real meaning of friendship.

Plus, much more

For more information on the Mark Order  
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Information is also available on our website [www.westyorksmark.org.uk](http://www.westyorksmark.org.uk)

# Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons West Yorkshire



## An Introduction to Mark Masonry