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XXXII ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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Saturday 28th February 2026
Sábado 28 de febrero de 2026

Gran Hotel Bali
Benidorm, Alicante



R.W. Bro. Rodney C. Bignell
Provincial Grand Master

W. Bro. Matthew James
Provincial Grand Secretary

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Dear Brethren,

The XXXII Annual Assembly of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia is being held on SATURDAY 28th February 2026 at 11 am. (CET).

Brethren are reminded that the DRESS CODE is Short Morning Dress or Dark suit, White Shirt, White Gloves and Tie of the Order.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to our Assembly and now introduce you to our Reports Booklet. This is the result of many hours, throughout the year, from our dedicated team of Officers and I commend it to your attention.

Sincerely and fraternally,

R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell
Provincial Grand Master



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Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia

Annual Assembly Saturday 28th February 2026 at 11.00 a.m.

Running Order of the day

1. The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies will address the brethren of the Province.
2. To Receive: - The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.
3. The Opening Hymn.
4. To Open the Provincial Grand Lodge
5. To Give Salutations to the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master.
6. To Receive the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
7. To Give Salutations to the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
8. To Parade the Lodge Banners.
9. To Welcome Visitors and Distinguished Guests.
10. To Call the Roll of Lodges.
11. To Call the Roll of Active Provincial Officers.
12. To Honour the Memory of Brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above since 1st March 2025.
13. To confirm the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge Assembly held on Saturday 1st March 2025.
14. To Receive a report from the Provincial Grand Secretary.
15. To Receive a report from the Provincial Grand Treasurer.
16. To Receive the Auditors report and approve the accounts for 2025.
17. To Receive and Vote on the Budget for 2026.
18. To Elect two auditors for the ensuing year.
19. To Elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer for a period of 3 years.
20. To Elect the Provincial Grand Tyler for a period of 3 years.
21. To Re-appoint and invest R.W.Bro. David Wynn, as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
22. To give Salutations to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master R. W. Bro. D.C. Wynn.
23. To Re-appoint the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Jeffrey Steven Hyde.
24. To Give Salutations to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
25. To appoint, obligate and invest W.Bro. Terry Whitehead, as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master
26. To appoint, obligate and invest W.Bro. Ian Bullock, as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master.
27. To Re-appoint as Provincial Grand Inspectors R.W.Bro. Fred Miller and V.W.Bro. Frank Wallace.
28. To Re-Appoint and invest W. Bro Paul Norman Nicholls Provincial Senior Grand Warden.
29. To Appoint, Obligate and invest W. Bro Peter Johnson Provincial Junior Grand Warden.
30. To appoint and invest Active Provincial Grand Officers.
31. To appoint and invest Active Provincial Grand Stewards.
32. To appoint and invest Past Provincial Grand Officers.
33. To Present the current Worshipful Masters of the Province to the Provincial Grand Master.

34. To Present all initiates, since the last Provincial Assembly, to the Provincial Grand Master.
35. To Appoint Members to the following Provincial Committees:
 - a) Learning and Development Committee
 - b) Membership Committee
 - c) Events Committee
 - d) Charity Committee
 - e) Almoner's Fund Committee
 - f) Justice Committee
 - g) Funeral Plan Committee
 - h) Festival Committee
36. Presentation of Certificates for Distinguished Service.
37. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master will address Provincial Grand Lodge.
38. To present the 'Mason of the Year' award.
39. To collect For Charity.
40. To close the Provincial Grand Lodge.
41. The Closing Hymn.
42. The Provincial Grand Master will retire from Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master

R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell

*would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the brethren
who have supported this prestigious event today.*

Active Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Valencia 2026-27

Provincial Grand Master	R.W. Bro. R.C. Bignell
Provincial Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. D.C. Wynn
Provincial Assistant Grand Master	R.W. Bro. J.S. Hyde
Provincial Assistant Grand Master	W. Bro. T. Whitehead
Provincial Assistant Grand Master	W. Bro. I. Bullock
Provincial Grand Inspector	R.W. Bro. F.C. Miller
Provincial Grand Inspector	V.W. Bro. F.H. Wallace
Provincial Senior Grand Warden	W. Bro. P.N. Nicholls
Provincial Junior Grand Warden	W. Bro. P. Johnson
Provincial Grand Orador	W. Bro. J. de Valle
(elected Feb 2024 for 3 yrs)	
Provincial Grand Chaplain	W. Bro. S. Cardwell
Provincial Grand Conciliator	R.W. Bro. M. Shilan
Provincial Grand Treasurer	To Be Elected
Provincial Grand Secretary	W. Bro. M.J. James
Provincial Grand DC	W. Bro. P.B. Farrell
Provincial Grand Archivist	W. Bro. R. Lumley
Provincial Grand Sup. of Works	W. Bro. P. de Graaf
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	W. Bro. J. Magnussen
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	W. Bro. R. Davis
Provincial Grand Almoner	W. Bro. C. Ward
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain	W. Bro. J. Sangster
Provincial Deputy Grand Treasurer	W. Bro. D. Somerset
Provincial Deputy Grand Secretary	W. Bro. S. Pereira Behm
Provincial Deputy Grand DC	W. Bro. J. Roberts
Provincial Deputy Sup. of Works	W. Bro. M. Wyatt
Provincial Deputy Sword Bearer	W. Bro. D. Martinez
Provincial Dep. Grand Char. Stwd	W. Bro. D. James
Provincial Dep. Grand Almoner	W. Bro. K. Hamilton
Provincial Senior Grand Deacon	W. Bro. T. Sharley
Provincial Junior Grand Deacon	W. Bro. J. Beavis
Provincial Asst. Grand Secretary	W. Bro. F. Stewart
Provincial Asst. Grand Secretary	W. Bro. S. Svalina
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. G. Hustler
Provincial Assistant Grand DC	W. Bro. K.A. Vaage

Minutes of last Provincial Grand Assembly

At 11:00hrs, the Provincial Director of Ceremonies (ProvGDC) W. Bro. P. Nicholls formed an escort party to receive Grand Lodge Representatives, and Distinguished Visitors.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Valencia, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, accompanied by his Provincial Grand Officers, were escorted into the assembly hall in due form.

The opening hymn was sung by the brethren present.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requested all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to retire from the assembly hall for a short while.

Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then resumed the Provincial Grand Lodge in the first degree. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts were re-admitted.

Salutations of seven were given to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Valencia, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, who replied with fraternal greetings.

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies formed an escort party and retired from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Past Provincial Grand Masters, of the Grand Lodge of Valencia, R.W. Brothers Michael Anthony Shilan and Norman Leslie Wheatley were received and saluted seven times.

The R.W. Assistant Grand Master of Spain, R.W. Bro Barrie Roy Mansell, was escorted into Provincial Grand Lodge in due form.

Salutations of nine were given to the R.W. Assistant Grand Master of Spain, R.W. Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, who replied with fraternal greetings.

The Lodge Banner Bearers were paraded around the assembly hall in a single file and took their places.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then welcomed the visitors and distinguished guests to the 31st annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read out the roll call of the Valencian Lodges, and their members rose in turn to announce their presence with gusto.

The Provincial Grand Secretary read out a roll call of the Active Provincial Grand Officers and announced that all were present except for five Officers, who had sent apologies for their unavoidable absence.

The names of those brethren who had passed to the Grand Lodge above since the 24th February 2024, were then read out.

The Provincial Grand Secretary informed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master that the minutes of the 30th Provincial Annual Assembly held on Saturday 24th February 2024, had been posted on the Provincial Website and sent to all attendees prior to this meeting. The Provincial Senior Grand Warden proposed, and the Provincial Junior Grand Warden seconded the acceptance of those minutes. The minutes were then approved and signed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

There were no matters arising from those minutes.

The Provincial Grand Secretary informed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master that the Provincial Secretary's report, had been posted on the Provincial Website and issued to all attendees prior to this meeting.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, W. Bro. Ian Brown, stated that the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report and the Provincial Accounts are posted on the Provincial Website and included in the Provincial Report Booklet. He then explained the present financial situation.

The Provincial Auditor, R.W. Bro. Norman Wheatley and W. Bro. Ian Gibson, confirmed that they had examined the 2024 accounts, found them to be an accurate record and had signed them as such. He recommended that the accounts be accepted. The Provincial Senior Grand Warden proposed, and the Provincial Junior Grand Warden seconded, that the accounts for the year 2024 be adopted. The proposition was carried.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented the Budget for 2025. The Provincial Senior Grand Warden proposed, and the Provincial Junior Grand Warden seconded, the acceptance of the budget for the year 2025. The proposition was carried.

To elect two Provincial Auditors for the ensuing year. There were only two candidates for this position, R.W. Bro. Norman Lesley Wheatley, and W. Bro. Ian Gibson. The Provincial Senior Grand Warden proposed, and the Provincial Junior Grand Warden seconded the nomination as Provincial Auditors for the ensuing year. They were approved as Provincial Auditors for the ensuing year.

R.W. Bro David Wynn was appointed, Invested and obligated as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the year 2025- 2026. Salutations with Seven were given to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

R.W Bro Jeffrey Steven Hyde, was re-appointed as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the year 2025 - 2026.

Bro. Jorge Prieto Cueto was Re-appointed as the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the year 2025-2026. Salutations with three were given to the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Jorge Prieto Cueto.

The Provincial Grand Master then reappointed his Provincial Grand Inspector, R.W. Bro. Fred Miller.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed his Provincial Grand Inspectors, V.W. Bro. Frank Wallace and W.Bro. Terry Whitehead.

W.Bro. Paul Nicholls was appointed, obligated and invested as the Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Valencia for the ensuing year.

W. Bro Ian Bullock was re-appointed as the Provincial Junior Grand Warden of the Province of Valencia for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the Provincial Grand Stewards for the ensuing year.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his Past Provincial Grand Stewards.

The current Worshipful Masters of the Valencian Lodges were presented to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The current Initiates of the Valencian Lodges were presented to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master presented Long Service Certificates for 40, 45 and 50 years.

The Provincial Grand Secretary informed the Provincial Grand Master that the names of those members of the Provincial Committees had been published in the Provincial Booklet.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Matthew James informed the Provincial Grand Master of the results of the election of the representatives of the Grand Conclave.

Who were the following: V.W.Bro. Frank Hogg Wallace, W.Bro. Matthew James, W.Bro. Sergio Pereira Behm, W.Bro.Terry Whitehead, W.Bro. Jorge Prieto Cueto.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand master presented the Mason of the year certificate to W.Bro. Ian Bullock

R.W. Bro. Shaun Parsons Herrera, Provincial Grand Master of Andalucia, addressed the brethren, then presented the Provincial Grand Master with a gift, which the Provincial Grand Master gracefully accepted and thank R.W. Bro. Shaun Parsons Herrera.

Alms, in the sum of 514.85€ were then collected in the cause of Charity.

The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies formed an escort party and the R.W. Assistant Grand Master of Spain, then retired from Provincial Grand Lodge in due form.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master requested all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft to retire from Provincial Grand Lodge.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master then closed Provincial Grand Lodge in due form and solemn prayer at 13:00hrs.

Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts re-entered the assembly hall and the closing hymn was sung.

The Provincial Director of Ceremonies formed an escort party and the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell, accompanied by his Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, retired from the assembly hall.

A list of Apologies will be entered separately.

W.Bro. Matthew James,

Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Grand Secretary's Annual Report 2025-26

Dear Brethren,

The Province of Valencia has achieved significant success over the past year.

The 2026 Festival achieved its objectives by raising sufficient funds to purchase a new Masonic centre in the Marina Alta region, thereby ensuring the continued presence of masonry in the area.

Fedelissima-Amor Lodge No. 199's consecration is an important milestone that highlights the progress made at the provincial level. This event showcases the province's ongoing growth and serves as a testament to the achievements of everyone involved.

I extend my congratulations to Puerto de Xabia Lodge No.58 for successfully hosting the 2025 Provincial Lodge of Instruction. The event's exceptional attendance, exceeding 110 brethren for both the meeting and festive board, once again exemplifies the high standards of those junior Brethren who are honoured to participate.

I extend my sincere gratitude to my secretarial team for their exceptional dedication and hard work throughout the year, ensuring the seamless organisation of all previously mentioned initiatives. I am proud to be a member of this province and eagerly anticipate the challenges the coming year may hold.

Your sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Matthew James
GADC, ProvGSec

Annual Report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer 2025

The Treasurer's Report on Provincial Accounts and Budget will be provided as a supplement to this booklet.

Provincial Grand Almoner's Annual Report 2025-26

It's been a full twelve months since my last report, although it barely seems possible that such a time has passed.

The work of the **Provincial Almoners** continues unabated, to help our Lodge Almoners to do whatever they can to help their brethren and their families.

EARLY DETECTION IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION.

This year we have completely re-vamped the information available on the Provincial website on Prostate Cancer, providing contemporary information and links to further research and advice, along with an easy way to book a PSA test and Ultrasound examination with IMED hospitals across the Costa Blanca. Every Brother over 55 years of age should be tested every 12 months. **It is a proven killer and not just of the old!**

In addition, a campaign will soon be launched on the benefits of having a **Colonoscopy examination** which can provide **early detection of bowel cancer** and other conditions.

We have recently launched a **First Responders Awareness Training** package which has been delivered to a number of Brethren at our Masonic centres at Costa Nova, and Quesada. This offers practical advice in first aid, including the correct use of the defibrillator, which every Lodge building should have.

We are also developing **bereavement training** for Almoners and other interested Brethren later this year, to help them when contacting and speaking to those who have suffered a loss of a loved one.

All information can be obtained from your Lodge Almoner, or via the Almoners section of the Provincial website www.glpvalencia.com as it becomes available.

DEPARTED MERIT

We have been saddened by the calling to the Grand Lodge Above of the following Brethren

Bro. Mark Eyles – (Las Salinas 79)

W. Bro. Charles (Jim) Mackintosh (Arenal Deportiva Lodge 65)

W. Bro. Eddie Davis – (Las Salinas 79)

W. Bro. Peter Bird (Puerto de Xàbia 58)

W. Bro. Enrique Villoslada Serra (Genesis Lodge 61)

W. Bro. Jon Brun (Santa Faz 48)

W. Bro Tony Lewis, (San Juan 28)

They will be sadly missed by their family, friends, and their Lodges, and we honour their departed merit with remembrance in the Provincial Lodge of Sorrow

LODGE ALMONERS work hard to help all their Brethren, and their Lodge. Work that very often goes unseen, from maintaining contact with Brethren unable to attend Lodge, visiting those in hospital, assisting with mobility issues, outpatient appointments, Social Services, and of course, funerals. It is a very varied and at times difficult job that requires a variety of skills, above all commitment to serving their Brethren in a time of need.

Finally, Brethren as always, a gentle reminder that we are all Almoners! Defined by the obligation we all took to look after one another. Please give your Almoners your full support wherever you can.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Christopher Ward

Provincial Grand Almoner

Funeral Plan Annual Report

The Funeral Plan is a Pre-Paid Funeral Plan that operates in conjunction with Golden Leaves who are the providers of the actual funeral services.

It is pleasing to report that The Funeral Plan continues to flourish with a slow but steady increase in membership over the years. To those who have been unfortunate enough to have had to utilise its services, it has provided invaluable support and peace of mind during a time of great sadness and stress.

At the time of writing, there are 219 members and 67 unused plans available for immediate use by members. Since its inception in 2012, 43 funerals have been provided in both Spain and the UK.

The management team work hard at negotiating the costs of the funeral plans bought each year. We endeavour to negotiate the lowest purchase price possible, including as many “extras” as we can and to purchase as many plans as our finances allow. The price that we currently pay is approximately one thousand euros cheaper than private purchase costs. We can achieve such a favourable rate due to our administering the scheme ourselves, as much as possible. This means that the Team must be the first point of contact for loved ones who require to use the service and that in turn, it must be the Team who makes first contact with Golden Leaves. The Team will confirm that the deceased was a fully paid-up member of the scheme and will then grant the necessary authorisation to Golden Leaves so they in turn can make contact with the loved ones to organise the funeral arrangements.

The Funeral Plan runs from 1st October until 30th September of the following year. New applications to join the Scheme are accepted during September for the ensuing year. If you are interested in finding out more about the Funeral Plan or becoming a member, please contact your Lodge Almoner who has all the details.

Kindest regards

Barrie R Mansell

Rodney Bignell

Provincial Festival Committee Report 2026

The Provincial Festival 2026 was set up by the Provincial Grand Master at the Provincial Annual Assembly in February 2024, with the remit of raising funds for the purchase of a property in the Marina Alta area of the Province.

This has now been successfully achieved and the Marina Alta Masonic Centre in Ondara is now a reality, although, at present, it is still an empty shell.

It is now time for the Board of the Asociación Unidad Fraternal to form a building management committee and work towards the successful reformation of an empty space into a thriving, self-contained masonic centre.

To that end, the Provincial Festival 2026 committee will cease to exist after the Provincial Annual Assembly in February 2026, and we wish to thank everyone who has helped in raising money, or donated towards, achieving the necessary funding to allow the project to get this far.

However, as previously stated, before the building can be used for ceremonies, meetings, and social events across all Masonic Orders, essential refurbishment work is needed to make the space operational. While initial work will commence shortly, We estimate that a further 50.000€ to 60.000€ will initially need to be raised to renovate the building to our needs.

Therefore, fund raising will continue until the ‘empty shell’ has been transformed into a Masonic Centre comprising 3 separate temples, robing rooms, toilet block, bar, storage and dining areas, and so much more.

Units of Ownership in the property cost just 150€, and every Unit brings us closer to our goal. The units are priced at 150€ each and full details concerning the terms and the method of purchase and bank account details can be found here: Unidad Fraternal - Unit Sales Please contact tesorero@fraternalunity.org or sec@fraternalunity.org for more details.

The Provincial Events Committee and the Provincial Steward’s Lodge are planning an open day at the Masonic Centre and will soon be launching a series of fundraising events across the Province, please support their efforts.

Thank you once again for supporting the Provincial Festival Committee 2026.

V.W.Bro. Ivan Beckett

Secretary

Provincial Grand Charity Steward's Report

This year has once again proved to be highly successful for the Province of Valencia in respect of the help and support given to our local communities and to our own very worthy causes by the Brethren of our Province. Philanthropy has been a fundamental principle of Masonry since its inception, and we are proud to uphold that tenet in all our work, always bearing in mind that charity must be carried out without detriment to ourselves or our dependants.

In late spring, we completed our programme of assistance for several families most severely affected by the catastrophic flooding (DANA) that struck the northern part of our region on 29 October 2024. With the help of the local Town Hall, we identified five families who were most at risk and urgently in need of support to restore their homes and bring some semblance of normality back to their lives. We were able to assist these families in repairing and renovating their badly damaged properties and additionally helped one lady and her family to resume her business. Just before Christmas, we also brought much-needed festive cheer not only to the families we had supported, but to all the children of the town of Aldaia, north of Valencia, by distributing toys, gifts, and sweets during a visit to the local school.

This remarkable achievement was made possible only through the generous donations of Freemasons in the Province of Valencia and throughout Spain, as well as contributions from many overseas Lodges and Orders, together with significant support from the Mark Master Masons and the Royal Arch Chapter.

This year, the Province of Valencia has raised and donated in excess of €42,000 to charitable causes—exclusive of the purchase of Units in Asociación Unidad Fraternal. Fundraising and social activities have been both varied and impressive, including Burns Nights, beach walks, a piano recital, St George's Day celebrations, Ladies Nights, a Western-themed "Saddle Up" BBQ party, race nights, sponsored swims, and a number of memorable Ladies' Gala Events, Garden Parties, and Sunday Brunches. One event that particularly stands out is the "Beni or Bust" charity drive from the UK to Benidorm in a makeshift hearse—an unforgettable effort in every sense!

Overall, it has been another excellent year that reflects the true spirit of Freemasonry: one in which we focus not only on the needs of our Brothers but also place the wellbeing of our wider communities at the heart of our endeavours.

Let us once again be reminded of the three fundamental Tenets of our Fraternity:
Brotherly Love,

W. Bro. Peter Johnson, ProvGChStwd
Provincial Grand Charity Steward

Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee has diligently focused on maintaining membership levels and promoting recruitment within our Lodges. Collaboration between the Provincial Communications and Press Officer and IT Support has effectively increased our profile both internally and among the wider public of the Valencian Community. This initiative has yielded positive results, as evidenced by numerous press releases and successful event advertisements. We trust that members are well-informed and appreciate our expanded outreach and visibility.

We are pleased to report a notable rise in public interest, demonstrated by increased engagement on various Lodge Facebook pages. The ongoing efforts of the Membership Committee have contributed to this success, with 2025 marking the second consecutive year of membership growth. From January to December 2025, first affiliates rose from 433 to 475. Nonetheless, we recognize that this achievement also reflects the commitment and enthusiasm of the Brethren throughout the Province.

Despite recent progress, continued effort remains essential. We encourage all members to fully engage in Masonic activities, take pride in their affiliation, and actively inspire prospective candidates to join our fraternity.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Matthew J. James

Provincial Membership Committee Chairman.

Provincial Learning and Development Committee

The Provincial Education Programme started to be rolled out in the mid-summer of 2023. It gained pace after the return of Masonic activities in the province.

Brethren from 3 Lodges enrolled their members in this early stage and further 3 joined later in the year.

In summary, the Education Programme, as it stands today, consists of 3 Sections per Degree for all 3 degrees. It is a compilation of traditional texts and studies related to subjects of each degree. Brethren can study where and whenever they want, based on their own availability, as they are distributed in PDF format, accessible via a hyperlink submitted to enrolled Brethren, who can also access the documentation via the Provincial website, in the Miscellaneous menu, under Education & Training.

As of the end of December, we have 6 Lodges within the Province with members enrolled, with numbers of around 25 Junior Brethren undergoing the Education Programme.

W. Bro. Frederico Stewart produced full explanations of the Initiation, Passing, and Raising Degrees, not only regarding the aspects of each ceremony, but also information on the Officers of the Lodge, etiquette to be observed at the Festive Board, and other important information to help new Brethren to obtain a deeper and clearer understanding of their first steps in Freemasonry.

The Revised Valencian Installation Ritual – The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Spain recently issued a diktat that requires the inclusion of an additional portion of ritual in the Ceremony of Installation of every Worshipful Master. The L&D Committee are most grateful to W. Bro. Clifford Gingell, a Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who gave most generously of his time and experience to conduct a series of Lodges of Instruction on the revised Ceremony of Installation over four separate weekends to the Brethren of Installed Masters Lodge No. 144 at the Costa Nova Masonic Centre.

Guidance Notes for the W.M. and Wardens – Written and compiled by W. Bro. Chris Ward, and Bro. David Clarke, these notes do not focus on ritual, but on providing guidance on the duties of each of the Principal Offices; Protocols to be observed during Lodge meetings; and the responsibilities involved for the successive management of a Lodge and the business it undertakes. Pointing out some of the pitfalls and problems that may arise, along with some suggestions of how to avoid or deal with them. Apart from the revised Ceremony of Installation ritual, all other material can be found on the Provincial Website.

Additionally, presentation seminars are being planned in several places across the province to offer the brethren the opportunity to learn first-hand, ask questions, and discuss with the L&D team any aspect on which they need further help or clarification.

Provincial Learning & Development Team.

Committees

The Provincial Learning and Development Committee

V.W.Bro. Frank Wallace GSwdB , ProvGInsp	Chairman
W.Bro. Chris Ward ProvGAlm	
W.Bro. Frederico Stewart ProvAGSec	

Provincial Membership Committee

W.Bro. Matthew James GADC , ProvGSec	Chairman
W.Bro. Sergio Pereira ProvDGSec	
W.Bro. Peter de Graaf PGADC , Prov Supt.Works	
W.Bro. Frederico Stewart ProvAGSec	

Provincial Events Committee

R.W.Bro. David Wynn GInsp , DPGM	Chairman
W.Bro. Malcolm March PPSupt.Works	
W.Bro. Paul Nicholls PGADC , ProvGSW	
W.Bro. Peter Farrell GADC ,ProvGDC	
W.Bro. Richard Davis ProvGChStwd	
W.Bro. Peter Johnson ProvJGW	
W.Bro. David James ProvDGChStwd	

Provincial Festival Committee

W.Bro. Terry Whitehead PGADC , APGM	Chairman
R.W.Bro. Fred Miller PGInsp , ProvGInsp	
V.W.Bro. Ivan Beckett PSGD ,ProvGInsp	
R.W.Bro. Norman Wheatley PGInsp , PPGM	
W.Bro.Peter Farrell GADC , ProvDC	
W.Bro. Jerry Roberts ProvDepDC	

Provincial Charities Committee

W.Bro. Richard Davis ProvGChStwd	Chairman
W.Bro. David James ProvDGChStwd	
W.Bro. Peter Johnson ProvJGW	
W.Bro. Peter Farrell GADC , ProvDC	
All lodge charity Stewards	

Almoners Fund Committee

W.Bro. Chris Ward ProvGAlm	Chairman
R.W. Bro. Fred Miller PGInsp ,ProvGInsp	
W.Bro.Richard Davis PPDSec	
W.Bro.Kevin Hamilton ProvAGAlm	

Funeral Plan Committee

R.W.Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell AGM	Chairman
R.W.Bro. Rodney Charles Bignell PGM	
R.W. Bro. Fred Miller PGInsp ,ProvGInsp	

Justice Committee

R.W.Bro. David Wynn GInsp , DPGM	Chairman
W.Bro. Ian Bullock APM	
RESERVES	
V.W.Bro.Ivan Beckett PSGD , PPGInsp	
W.Bro. T. Whitehead PGADC , ProvGInsp	

IT Support – Provincial Website

IT Support only deal with enquires about Provincial matters. If you require help on the GLE Intranet, please contact the Provincial Grand Secretary: sec@glpvalencia.com.

The Provincial Website continues to be updated regularly and some salient points about its content are noted below: the URL is: *<https://glpvalencia.com>* and to obtain the maximum out of the Website you will need to login. Usernames and Passwords are available from *itsupport@glpvalencia.com*.

- Provincial News – details of events that have taken place with photos in a Slider
- Upcoming Charity Events – information with Flyers and photos on these events in a Slider
- Important Dates for your diary – A list of all the important dates in 2026:
 - Provincial Grand Assembly
 - Grand Assembly
 - Royal Arch Grand Assembly
 - Provincial Golf Tournament
 - Provincial Ladies' Night
 - Provincial Lodge of Instruction
- Provincial Events – information about future events including the Provincial Calendar
- Lodges – Lodge locations, Summonses, and general information
- Secretarial – a plethora of information for Secretaries:
 - Toast List
 - Secretarial Guides
 - Administrative Forms & other useful documents
 - Provincial Bye-laws
- Ceremonial – Provincial D.C., Obligation to GLE etc.
- Almoner – Lodge Almoner, Lodge of Sorrows, Funeral Plan details etc.
- Provincial – Provincial Newsletters, list of Past & Present Provincial Officers
- Education & Training – a whole list of subjects to help Brethren advance their Masonic knowledge
- Other Masonic Orders – information about the other Progressive Orders available in Spain
- Webmail – Officers with dedicated Provincial e-mail addresses can logon to send and retrieve their e-mails
- A Contact Form – to allow Brethren, or the General Public to submit questions to the Secretariat

W. Bro. Frederico Stewart - IT Support

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Mark Master Mason

The Mark Master Mason Degree is available to all who have attained the rank of Master Mason. This ritual, in which a candidate is ‘advanced’, essentially consists of two parts: the first recognizes the individual as a Mark Man, and the second elevates him to a Mark Master Mason. The “Mark” referenced in the Degree’s name originates from the unique symbol or sign that stonemasons historically used to identify their craftsmanship, examples of which are still visible in cathedrals and other significant structures.



History and ritual

Much use is made of Holy Writ to instruct the Candidate and Brethren in the story which serves to teach that the real message is one of contemplation of human strengths and weaknesses. In chronological terms, the Degree follows that of the Second Degree in Craft masonry. There is reputedly some evidence that the Degree is 400 years old, but the earliest English records stem from 1769 when it was first worked in Chapter of Friendship, Royal Arch Chapter No. 257 (formerly No. 3) in Portsmouth. However, a minute book dated 1599 of the Lodge of Edinburgh states that several speculative brethren had appended their marks after their names.



The Mark degree, focusing on the keystone of the sacred arch of King Solomon, provides a comprehensive understanding of the interconnections 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 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.

If you would like further details about the Mark degree, please reach out to contact@markmastermason.es



The Royal Arch opens many doors to other Masonic Orders.

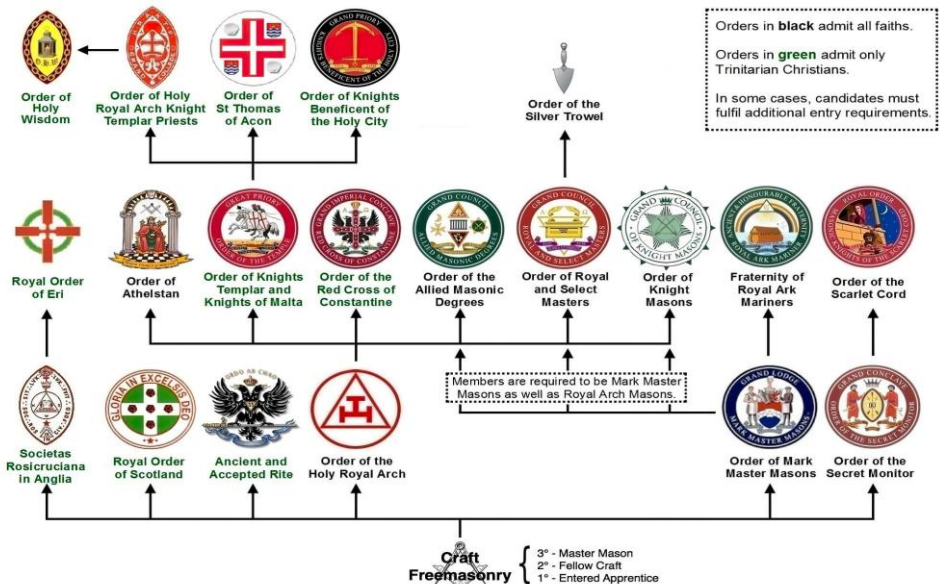


We encourage you to follow many of your brethren in joining this wonderful order. Please speak with the Royal Arch Representative in your craft lodge, you will not regret taking the next step in your masonic journey.

Contact us

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