



District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons - Spain

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DISTRICT GRAND ASSEMBLY

Held at: Hotel Gran Bali, Benidorm

Date: Saturday 3 February 2025

Time: 10.30 hrs

1. Opening of the Assembly

The Annual District Grand Assembly was opened promptly at 10.30 hrs with the singing of the Opening Hymn, following which the District Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell, opened the Assembly in due form.

Immediately thereafter, a delegation comprising members of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodges within the District was welcomed and formally received by the District Grand Master.

2. Formalities and Salutations

The District Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. David Wynn, brought the Assembly to order. The attendants formally saluted the District Grand Master, who returned the salute and thanked the Brethren for their warm greetings.

Salutes were then exchanged with all Distinguished Brethren in attendance.

3. Obituary

The Brethren stood in respectful silence in memory of those of departed merit. Solemn music was played whilst the District Grand Chaplain, W.Bro. Clive Blake, read the names of Brethren who had passed to the East to join the Grand Overseer of the Universe during the 2024–2025 Masonic year.

4. Welcome to Distinguished Visitors

The District Grand Master formally welcomed all Distinguished Visitors individually to the District of Spain Grand Assembly. He expressed his pleasure at returning to Benidorm and at seeing many long-standing friends, whilst also welcoming a significant number of new Distinguished Brethren and members from other Provinces, Districts, and Mark Grand Lodges worldwide.

The District Grand Master noted that this Assembly was, likely, the best attended District Grand Assembly ever held in Spain.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Assembly

The Deputy District Grand Secretary, Bro. Paul Mansell, advised that the Minutes of the District Grand Assembly held on Saturday 1st February 2024 had been previously circulated and that no amendments had been received.

A proposal to approve the Minutes as presented was duly proposed and seconded and was carried unanimously in the normal fashion among Mark Master Masons.

6. District Accounts

The District Grand Lodge Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2025, as presented by the District Grand Treasurer, W.Bro. Michael Shillan, had been audited and circulated prior to the meeting.

As no amendments were required, a proposal to approve the Accounts as presented was duly proposed and seconded and carried unanimously.

The District Grand Master thanked the District Grand Treasurer and the Account Examiners, W.Bro. William Russell and V.W.Bro. Rodney Hales, for their work during the year.

7. Election and Confirmation of Treasurer and Account Examiners

The Deputy District Grand Secretary reported that the District Grand Treasurer was willing to serve for a further year and that no other nominations had been received, however, there was a small amend to the Account Examiners.

Accordingly, the following was declared by The District Grand Master:

District Grand Treasurer: W.Bro. Michael Shillan

Account Examiners (2025–2026): W.Bro.'s William Russell and Philip Bowick

8. District Grand Secretary's Report

The Deputy District Grand Secretary advised that the District Grand Secretary Annual Report had been circulated in advance of the Assembly and that no amendments had been received.

Accordingly, the report was declared by The District Grand Master.

9. District Grand Charity Stewards Report

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9. District Grand Almoners Report

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9. The Appointment and Investiture of Deputy District Grand Master

The District Grand Master thanked V.W.Bro. Rodney Hales for his tenure as Deputy District Grand Master and appointed and invested him as Past Deputy District Grand Master.

A Honour Guard was then formed for the appointment and investiture of W.Bro. Terrence Porter as Deputy District Grand Master.

10. The Appointment and Investiture of Assistant District Grand Masters

The District Grand Master thanked W.Bro. Michael Baker for his tenure as Assistant District Grand Master and appointed and invested him as Past Assistant District Grand Master.

Honour Guards were then formed for the appointment and investiture of W.Bro. Rodney Bignell & Christopher Langley as Assistant District Grand Masters.

11. Appointments, Promotions, and Presentations

The ceremony of appointment, reappointment, and promotion to District Grand Rank, past and present, was conducted by the District Grand Master, assisted by his Deputy District Grand Master and Assistant District Grand Masters.

The ceremony was supported by the District Director of Ceremonies, his team, and the District Secretariat.

12. The Travelling Keystone

To conclude the ceremonial proceedings, W.Bro. Terrence Whitehead of Temple Builders Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1869 was escorted to the podium.

The District Grand Master presented W.Bro. Whitehead with the Travelling Keystone, marking the continuation of its journey throughout the District during the 2024–2025 year as Temple Builders Lodge visits other Lodges within the District.

13. Address by the District Grand Master

The District Grand Master delivered his Annual Address, highlighting the excellent work undertaken by his Officers and the Lodges of the District throughout the year.

He expressed his sincere thanks to all who had contributed to a successful year for the District, receiving warm and heartfelt applause from the Assembly at the conclusion of his address.

14. Collection of Alms and Closing

Alms were collected, after which the District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The Closing Ode was sung as the District Grand Master, his Officers, and the Distinguished Visitors retired from the Assembly in procession.

Confirmation:

This document is, to the best of my belief, a true and accurate record of the District Grand Assembly of the District of Spain Mark Master Masons held on Saturday 1st February 2025 at the Hotel Gran Bali, Benidorm, Spain.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul S Mansell". The signature is written in a cursive style. There is a small, illegible mark or stamp at the bottom left of the signature.

W.Bro Paul S Mansell
District Grand Secretary