



District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons - Spain

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Annual Report of the District Grand Secretary – 2025

Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren, and Brethren all.

This is my first Annual Report as District Grand Secretary, and one I present with both pride and appreciation. While this is my first year in the office, it is my fourth year within the District Secretariat in various capacities. That continuity has allowed me to build confidently on the strong foundations and legacy established by my predecessor, W.Bro. Chris Langley, for which I remain grateful.

I commenced this role at a high point for the District, with the 2025 District Grand Assembly achieving the largest attendance we have ever recorded. It was a clear demonstration of the engagement, enthusiasm, and commitment that exists across the District and set a very positive tone for the year that followed.

The District currently comprises 27 Mark Lodges, with an average member age of 65. During the year, a Lodge was placed into Abeyance, resulting in a combined reduction in active membership of 15 Brethren compared with 2024. While several Lodges remain strong and healthy, there are others that would benefit from continued District support in attracting new members, and this remains an important focus going forward.

The Royal Ark Mariner Degree continues to show encouraging signs. We now have 19 RAM Lodges, strengthened by the return of two Lodges from Abeyance. The average age of RAM members is 68, and membership has increased by 19 compared with 2024, reflecting renewed engagement across the Degree.

One of the key developments this year has been the launch of our new District website. It provides an outward facing platform to promote the Order and attract new members, while the Virtual Secretariat section offers practical support to Lodge Secretaries and Scribes through access to guidance, forms, and templates.

Alongside this, we continue to issue a dual language newsletter to members and friends of the Order and maintain an active presence across our social media platforms. None of this would have been possible, or achieved the standard it now enjoys, without the outstanding commitment and diligence of Bro. Ahmed Lopez Martinez. His work underpins the credibility and consistency of our communications, and I am sincerely grateful for his continued support.

The Secretariat itself is very much a team effort. My thanks go to W.Bro.'s Adrian Brooks, Jorge Prieto Cueto, and Frederico Stewart for their reliability, professionalism, and dedication to their roles. Their contributions are vital to the smooth and effective running of the District.

I would also like to record my appreciation to our Lodge Secretaries and Scribes. Their cooperation and timely submission of returns and information play a crucial role in enabling the Secretariat to function efficiently, and their support throughout the year has been greatly valued.

In closing, it has been a privilege to serve the District in this role. I look forward to continuing to support our Lodges and Degrees and to contributing to the ongoing strength and success of the District of Spain.

With best fraternal wishes and Mark Well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul S Mansell". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the first few letters of the first name, there is a small, faint square stamp containing the letters "E.T."

W.Bro Paul S Mansell
District Grand Secretary

31st December 2025