

## **Provincial Grand Mentor**

**Worshipful Bro. Mark Costelloe, ProvGMen.**

### **Personal**

Born in 1965, Mark was brought up in a rural village in Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland. He was schooled at Portadown College where he excelled in athletics and rugby. In 1985 he undertook a career in Policing by moving to England and joining Kent Police.

In 1998 he was seconded to the National Crime Squad and in 2006 moved to the newly formed Serious and Organised Crime Agency, which later became the National Crime Agency in 2013.

During his career Mark investigated numerous serious and complex crimes both within the UK and abroad. A qualified trainer, he is skilled in overseeing the development and delivery of specialist courses and this resulted in him working in South America and Europe.

Mark is skilled in mentoring and assessing and in his latter years was responsible for assisting new NCA investigators to put theory into practice by practical application of their knowledge, skills and abilities. Having completed 30 years' service Mark retired in 2015. Part time he now teaches suspect interview courses and crime scene management to local Police and the Home Office.

### **Outside Freemasonry**

Married to Karen an NHS Manager at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, they enjoy holidaying at their other home in South Africa. Mark is a keen golfer and rugby fan. In his spare time he enjoys gardening, reading and the occasional glass of red wine.

### **Masonic**

Mark was initiated into Fleur de Lis Lodge 8969 in 1999. He became Worshipful Master in 2009 and again in 2010. In 2014 he was appointed Provincial Grand Steward and promoted to Provincial Grand Mentor in April 2018. Mark is also a member of Mid Kent Masters lodge, Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge, a founder of the Spirit of Rugby Lodge, PZ of Bearsted Chapter.

### **Other Masonic Orders and Degrees**

Mark is also a past Master of the Robinson Mark Lodge and a member of Boxley Abbey Knights Templar Preceptory.