

# Freemasonry@86 News 03 November 2023

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# Companion Orders Diary

Below are some upcoming dates of events for our Grand teams in their respective Orders. You can find the calendar of the regular annual meetings of our Orders further down this newsletter.

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Thursday, 9 November - O.S.M. Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave, Freemasons' Hall, London [Click Here](#) for more details

Thursday, 16 November - S.C. Installation of Dist.Comp. Terence Douglas Sheern, Prov.G.Reg., as Prov.G.S. for Essex

Saturday, 18 November - A.M.D. Installation of W.Bro. Lawrence James Hinde, P.G.S.D., as District Grand Prefect for Cumberland and Westmorland

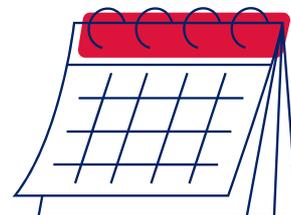
Tuesday, 21 November - K.T. Chapter of Great Priory of Malta, Freemasons' Hall, London [Click Here](#) for more details

Monday, 4 December - K.B.H.C. Consecration of Verulamium Lodge of S.M.S.A. No. 22, Prefecture of Anglo-Saxon

Monday, 11 December - R.A.M. Annual Assembly, Freemasons' Hall, London [Click Here](#) for more details

Wednesday, 13 December - R.S.M. Consecration of Lancashire Council of Anointed Kings No. 344, District of Lancashire

*Updated calendar*



# Meeting of St Wulfram's Lodge M.M.M. No. 916



A very special night was held at Grantham Masonic Hall on Thursday, 26 October at a meeting of St Wulfram's Lodge M.M.M. No. 916. At the meeting, our Right Worshipful Grand Master, Stephen Hallberg accompanied by both his Provincial Senior and Junior Wardens, along with a good number of Lodge members and friends, had the honour and pleasure to present W.Bro. Peter Holmes, P.Prov.G.S.W, with 60th year celebration certificates for both the Mark degree and the R.A.M. degree.



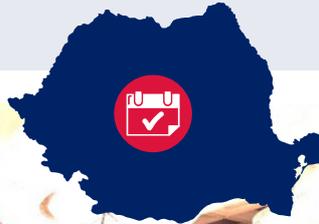
Peter was advanced into St Wulfam's Mark Lodge in March 1963 and elevated into St Wulfram's R.A.M. Lodge in April with just 13 days separating the two ceremonies, having been proposed into both degrees by his father Fred Holmes, who eventually became the Prov.G.M. of the Mark Province of Lincolnshire in 1973, serving in that Office for 7 years until 1980.

He received the Office of P.Prov.G.S.W. in the Mark degree in 2002 and was awarded R.A.M. Grand Rank in 1986, in recognition of his service to both degrees and he has remained a stalwart of both his Mark and R.A.M. Lodges over the many years he has been a member and continues to be so. Replying, Peter told the Brethren he'd enjoyed every moment of his time in Mark/ R.A.M. and assured all that his father only had to ask once for him to join our Orders.

The evening was made complete by Bro. Richard Evans being advanced into our special Order, followed by a very happy and convivial festive board.

# First Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Romania

Following the events of last year, in November, when the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania was constituted in the presence of His Royal Highness, Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, The Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas. On 30 September 2023, the First Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania took place in Bucharest. This was a happy opportunity for Romanian Brothers to work together with Mark Brothers from all around the world.



# Gala Dinner



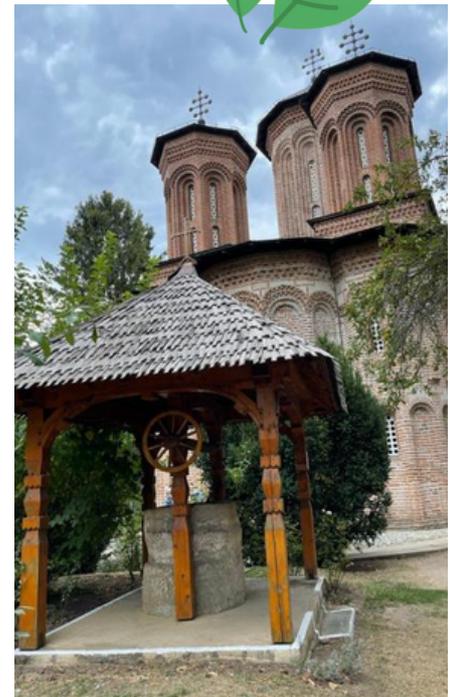
Later on the same day, The Mark Brothers celebrated the event next to their partners. The night was a symphony of elegance and the conversations flowed effortlessly among the elevated minds and remarkable individuals in attendance.

The ambiance was further elevated by the enchanting music that filled the air. The talented musicians and performers added a touch of magic to the evening. We trust that the Gala Dinner served as a platform to strengthen existing bonds and cultivate new connections among the esteemed guests.

## Visiting Bucharest and its surroundings



On 01 October, the participants concluded the series of events on the occasion of the First district Annual Communication with a tour of Bucharest followed by a visit to the Palace from Mogosoaia and the Snagov Monastery.



# Aurelius Lodge of R.A.M. No. 814 BANNER DEDICATION



The Aurelius Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner decided to celebrate its 75th anniversary by commissioning a banner, and they were honoured with a visit from the The Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern accompanied by his team to dedicate the banner.



Picture: Left to Right - Prov.G.M R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern, W.Ro. Dave Todd (banner bearer) and W.Bro. Alan Penney Worshipful Commander.

# Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire - Robert Loyd Preceptory No. 438



On 19 October, Robert Loyd Preceptory completed their 2nd double installation of new Knights. Adam Steven and Jason Harris enjoyed a great ceremony with nearly 40 Knights in attendance including the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Graham McGowan-Smyth with his ever-present Bodyguard. The Commander of the Bodyguard E.Kt. Martin James Sando, Marshal of the Robert Loyd Preceptory orchestrated the Installation of the 2 new Knights. The Ceremony took place at Sindlesham, Berkshire. Another great night to celebrate at the Robert Loyd Preceptory with another candidate already booked for February 2024.



# The Annual Divisional Meeting for the Derbyshire Division R.C.C.

The Annual Divisional Meeting for the Derbyshire Division R.C.C., was held on Saturday, 28 October at Burton-on-Trent Masonic Hall.

R.III.Kt. Dr Alan Beckerton welcomed over a hundred knights with guests from over 20 other Divisions.

A very enjoyable ceremony was lead by the Intendant General in his own particular style, followed by a splendid festive board



# Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Northumberland of R.S.M.



Saturday witnessed the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Northumberland, of the Order of Royal and Select Masters, being held once again at Fern Avenue Masonic Hall, Jesmond.

Packed to the rafters, the building saw members of the order travel from the far reaches of the country, with 15 of the 25 Districts represented, including 9 District Grand Masters, 2 Past District Grand Masters, 11 Deputy District Grand Masters, and 7 District Grand Principal Conductors of Work. The thronging mass was particularly bolstered by large raiding parties from Cumberland and Westmorland and Durham, led by their respective District Grand Masters, R.III.Comp. Douglas Sanderson and R'III.Comp. Michael Graham respectively.

Numerous members of every Council in the District, as well as Heads and Past Heads of Orders from the Craft, Royal Arch Chapter, Mark Master Masons, Royal Order of Scotland and Order of the Secret Monitor, were in attendance to witness their peers receive their well deserved appointments, re-appointments and promotions. Included in the number was R.III.Comp. Prof Denovan Keith Wilson, the Assistant Grand Master of the Mark Master Masons.

A seamless, well drilled meeting, under the direction of the Deputy District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill.Comp. Alex Thompson, made way for a packed, convivial and very enjoyable Festive Board. Congratulations, from everyone at Northumberland Freemasons, to all the Companions, for your various preferments.



# O.S.M. Conclave in the Province of Kent



Eric Norman Le Fre O.S.M. Conclave is the northern most unit in the Province of Kent meeting at The Westwood Centre at Welling. Formed 43 years ago and named after the famous actor and freemason, the ritual at this unit is delivered to a high standard by a number of 'budding' thespians, (although there are no real life actors as members). Kent Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Scott Dunn, was able to release his own inner performer to congratulate Bro. Chris Tull on attaining his Princes Degree and present Wy.Bro. Nick Coletta with his Supreme Ruler Certificate. The 'encore' was delivered by the Secretary who read the details of a joining member and mentioned potential candidates from an associated Craft Lodge.



# Golden Arrow Conclave No. 358 - Kent



A band of Kent Brethren went to the Ashford Masonic Centre to attend Golden Arrow Conclave in the Order of the Secret Monitor. The reason this was so important, three recently inducted Brothers were due to take their 2nd, otherwise known as, Princes Degree. With a number of members unable to attend due to the Storm Ciaran, some of the Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's escort party were delighted to assist, with Wy.Bro. Ian Sullivan conducting the ceremony and Wy.Bro. Terry Hall acting as I.P.S.R. and delivering the lecture.

Those assembled were also witness to the rare sight of the Dep.P.G.S.R., Wy.Bro. Scott Dunn, delivering some ritual in his usual enigmatic style. The commitment of these brethren to ensure that new members receive their degrees even under the most dire of conditions shows why the O.S.M. is the caring degree.



# King Brude Conclave No. 342 Meeting in Inverness



**Ian Currans Said,**

“Having visited virtually all the O.S.M. Conclaves in East and West Scotland and the Provincial Meetings, I was brooding over the fact that I had neglected the North. It would have been good to attend the Provincial Meeting in Peterhead, but this clashed with our Scarlet Cord trip to Bordeaux. An excursion to a Conclave meeting was called for! So it was that last Saturday the newly-named Clan McCurrans left our ancestral lands in the Trossachs for the three-hour drive to Inverness and a visit to King Brude Conclave No. 342. And what a good idea that proved to be! The warmest of welcomes awaited us from Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler Ronnie Simpson, Supreme Ruler Alex Potts and all those present, many of whom had also travelled long distances to be there. Alex was proclaimed Supreme Ruler for a second year in fine style and the meeting was followed by a very tasty harmony, with special mention for the pies. Saturday afternoon saw us exploring Inverness, whilst on Sunday we took the opportunity of travelling back down the length of Loch Ness, making a brief diversion to see the “Harry Potter” Glenfinnan Viaduct and then home via Glen Coe, where the scenery is quite staggering. More trips north are on the radar.....”



# Charities round up



St John of Jerusalem  
Eye Hospital Group



**Seymour Lodge  
of MMM No. 606**



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**For the relief of  
Mark Masons and  
their families in  
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to support  
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W.Bro. Paul Rowlands, P.A.G.D.C.  
Worshipful Master  
Seymour Lodge of MMM No. 606

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## M.M.H. Charities Manager got to Say More at Seymour in Leamington Spa



Charities Manager, W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, Prov.G.S.D. spent a convivial evening with the Brethren of the Seymour Lodge of M.M.M. No. 606 in the Provincial of Warwickshire at the invitation of the Worshipful Master, Paul Rowlands, Prov.A.G.D.C.

At the meeting, held in Leamington Spa, W.Bro. Darren was delighted as always to talk about the wonderful work of the Mark Benevolent Fund and give real time updates on applications and projects under consideration. He was also able to give an update on the Woodland House neo-natal bereavement unit at the Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital, which is due to open its doors in January 2024. A grant of £100,000 to the unit has paid for the counselling rooms in this all-important centre – a first in the UK.

W.Bro. Darren was also joined by the Deputy Prov.G.M., W.Bro. Andrew Armbrister, Prov.G.J.D. and Assistant W.Bro. Nigel Clemson, *OStJ*, Prov.G.S.D. from the Province of Warwickshire, the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire and Shropshire, R.W.Bro. Kevin Spencer and his Assistant, W.Bro. Dennis Hill, Prov.G.J.D. along with many other Brethren congratulated W.Bro. Paul Rowlands, Prov.A.G.D.C. once again, for occupying the R.A.M. and Mark chairs and for his exemplary rendition of the Royal Ark Mariner tracing board in its entirety. It was quite something to hear.

Thank you all for your kind comments and for the amazing collection at the Festive Board raising a staggering £565 for the Mark Benevolent Fund and the 2027 Warwickshire MBF Festival.



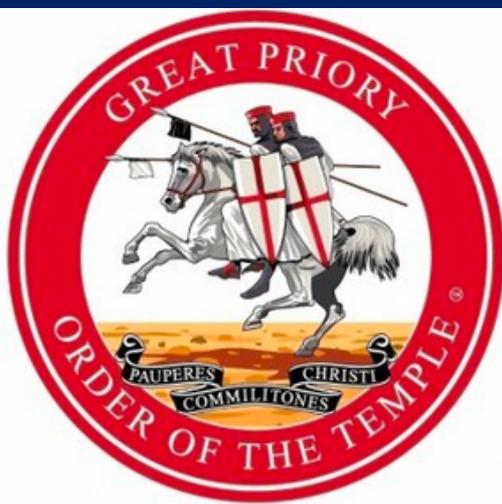
# Social Media Guidelines



With our relatively new Pro Grand Masters in both the Craft and the Mark, we are continuing our close working relationship with our Brethren at Freemasons' Hall.

While we enjoy and encourage our members' enthusiasm for our Orders, it's important that we are mindful where and how we share our passion for Freemasonry.

Please ensure that any posts on social media about the Companion Orders are either restricted to groups, pages and websites that are open to all Orders or, if destined for Craft specific areas, are posted via a moderator to ensure they are a welcome additions to the news feed.



For those who may not have been able to get their hands on one of the K.T. £20 for 2020 Appeal Swift Pins, there are still some available.

Provinces can order in bulk, or individuals can purchase single pins, by contacting Linda Read, M.M.H. Charities Finance Manager at [L.Read@mmh.org.uk](mailto:L.Read@mmh.org.uk) and Finance Assistant, Millie Pilson, [M.Pilson@mmh.org.uk](mailto:M.Pilson@mmh.org.uk)

Pins are £20 each and funds raised will go to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

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# MBF Festival Cheshire 2024

## Stewardship Jewels

The new-look MBF Stewardship Jewels have now been designed for the following Festivals:

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[2025 Oxfordshire](#)

[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

[2029 Durham](#)

[2030 Essex](#)

[2031 Northumberland](#)

We have added the bank account name to all the forms so please use the latest form and details as found in the links above.

We reported recently that the new style MBF Festival Stewardship is aimed principally, but not, exclusively, at members of each host Festival Province.

In return for a qualifying donation of £100, each Steward will be entitled to:

A distinctive Stewards' breast jewel, year bar and pocket jewel holder.

Inclusion of their name in the Festival Stewards' Roll of Honour in the Festival booklet

And for individuals making their first donation under the scheme, qualification as a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund – the first step on the ladder of honorifics.

Monies raised by the take-up of Festival Stewardships will, of course, be included in each respective Festival total.



The image displays the Stewardship Jewels for the 2024 Cheshire festival. It features a gold circular emblem at the top left with the text 'MARK BENEVOLENT FUND' and '156th ANNUAL MEETING'. To its right is a purple shield-shaped jewel with a red cross and the text 'MARK BENEVOLENT FUND' and 'CHESHIRE 2024'. Below these are two larger jewels: a blue and gold 'STEWARDS' jewel with a circular emblem, and a purple and gold 'Mark Benevolent Fund 2024 CHESHIRE' jewel.

156<sup>th</sup> MBF Festival Banquet  
will be held at the  
Concorde Conference Centre  
Wilmslow Old Rd, Altrincham  
WA15 8XQ  
Saturday, 6 July 2024

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## Mark Emergency Relief Fund

The Mark Emergency Relief Fund allows you to make donations in a variety of ways to the Ukraine Fund and the Türkiye / Syria earthquake and the recent Morocco earthquake (via our partners ShelterBox). We know that there is enormous support for this already. To make the administration of donations as smooth as possible, enabling funds to be transferred efficiently to where they are needed most, we ask that you note the following advice regarding donations: For individual donations of less than £100 - please make arrangements with your Mark Lodge for these to be collected centrally and then for the Lodge to make one consolidated donation into the Fund. These consolidated donations will count toward the Lodge's M.B.F. honorifics, rather than each individuals.

Donations of £100 or more may be made by individuals directly into the fund and will count towards the Brother's M.B.F. Honorifics

In all correspondence please ensure you are donating to: Mark Emergency Relief Fund Relief Chest No.: MMM185622  
The quickest and easiest way to donate is by scanning the QR code below or following this [Link](#).

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**And if you, or your Lodge, already hold a Relief Chest from which you would like to donate funds, there is a further, specific guide available by [Clicking Here](#) and a simple transfer guide available by [Clicking Here](#)**

Mark Emergency Relief Fund  
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# Calendar of Annual Meetings

## Grand Meetings Calendar 2023 - All Orders

Please note *all* timings are approximate. Refer to the Summons for confirmation.

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Rehearsal Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Finishes	Dining Start	Approx Finish
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - Limited Capacity	Tuesday, 18 April 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
SC	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 4 May 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 17 May 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Active & 1st	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Promotions	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
KBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 14 September 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council -150 Celebration	Tuesday, 3 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 9 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT - Malta	Great Priory of Malta	Tuesday, 21 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 11 December 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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