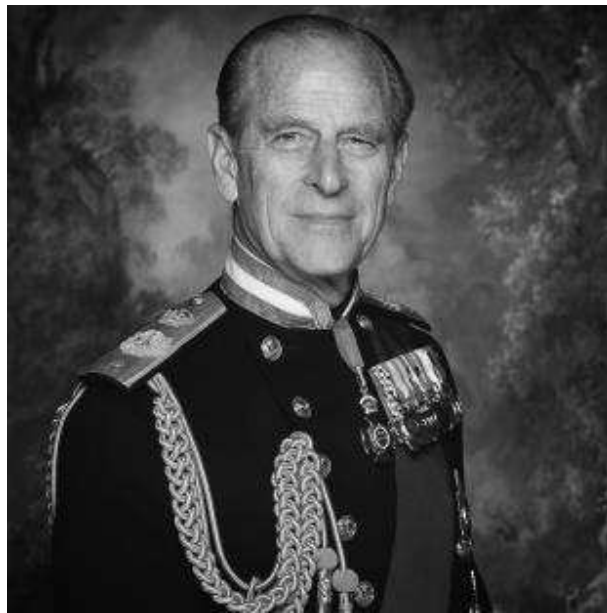




Freemasonry@86 News - 9 April 2021



We are deeply saddened by the news of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family at this difficult time.



Welcome to your news and information update for the progressive/companion Orders of Freemasonry administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street.

This bulletin is emailed to all 'leaders' in the Provinces, Districts & Divisions and their Secretariats.

Please share this content with your members by forwarding this email or let them know that it's available on the MMH website.

If you don't currently receive this email directly but would like to subscribe please email communications@mmh.org.uk¹

Further guidance on applying the discount on Annual Dues

This week R.W.Bro. Ryan A Williams, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary, was pleased to share the following information with members of all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall.

¹<mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>



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Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PT

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7 April 2021

To: Members of All Orders Administered from Mark Masons' Hall

Dear Sir and Brother

Discount on Annual Dues payable in September 2021

At the beginning of February, we announced a further package of financial measures to help our members, which included an extension of the reduction in Registration and Joining Fees first announced last July, and a discount on the Annual Dues to be assessed in September.

The last twelve months have been a difficult time for us all and the Management Board wanted to acknowledge your loyalty and support as well as contribute to the costs of membership which, for some, may otherwise prove too great in the current circumstances.

So, the discount on Annual Dues which will be made available later this year is intended for the benefit of individual members to whom this saving should be passed directly rather than retained by the Unit for other purposes.

There are grounds for optimism that masonic meetings will be able to resume soon, and the Management Board hopes that the support it has made available to you will enable you to retain your existing memberships and encourage you to look for others who may be interested in extending their research to the Progressive Orders.

With fraternal regards and best wishes,

R.W. Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary

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Click Here² to download a copy of the letter.

²http://download.mmh.org.uk/07.04.21_Guidance_on_applying_the_Discount_on_Annual_Dues_payable_in_September_2021_-_FINAL.pdf

Octogenarian plays with fire



On Friday, 11 June W.Bro. Brian Allen of Vale of Avon Lodge of M.M.M. No. 867 (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) has have accepted the challenge to take part in a Fire Walk outside the Guildhall in Salisbury.

This involves walking over hot coals in bare feet and sponsorship is in aid of the Salisbury Hospice Charity. The event is in the evening and all are welcome to Brian me on.

It costs £2.2 million per year to provide and run all the services that the Salisbury Hospice offers. Like all charities suffering during COVID-19 they are desperate for funds. Their services are so essential to local people during end of life care, and their families and friends. All of the services are free to patients and carers. Over 1000 people a year are helped, both in the Hospice and the wider community.

Over the past few years Brian has managed to raise over £5000 through sponsorship; taking up challenges such as a tandem parachute jump over Salisbury Plain, a 10 mile midnight walk around the city, a zip wire descent over a slate quarry in Wales, and abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

All of this has been a pleasure to complete to benefit such a worthwhile charity as Salisbury Hospice.

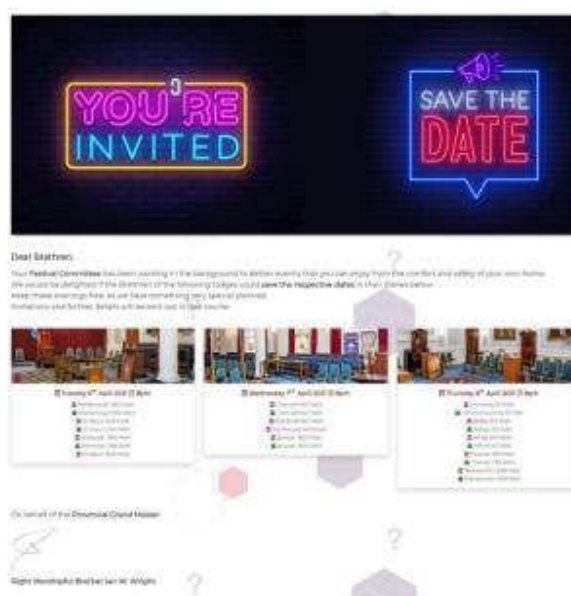
Not content with this, on 28 August Brian is going to attempt the Camino de Santiago 150 kilometer pilgrim walk, or St James's walk. Not bad for someone who will turn 82 in May.

How do you solve the problem of launching a MBF Festival during lockdown?

The Brethren of the Mark Province of Oxfordshire have had to deal with this question and find a solution to get their Festival back on track for 2025.

The President of the 157th MBF Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire, **R.W.Bro. Ian Wright, Prov.G.M.**, challenged the **Chair of the Festival V.W.Bro. Barry Prior** and the Festival Committee. The task was taken on board by **Bro. Mocky Khan** and his Festival Marketing and Communications Team. This is what they did.

The Relaunch Event had to be treated as a *'must-attend, can you afford to miss this event!'* The momentum and excitement were created by 'save the date', personal invites and 'only 24 hours to go' emails.





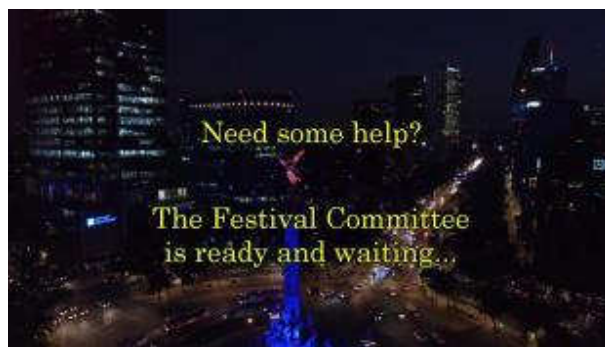
The Relaunch Event was planned over three nights over zoom (other video conferencing services available), 6th, 7th, and 8th April.



The Provincial Grand Master welcomed Brethren and shared funny personal stories of attending other Festivals and stated that Festivals Weekends are one of the highlights of any Masonic year.



A video was produced to communicate all the great work that the MBF had done previously.



<https://sway.office.com/dsP3BDUkhAyEVVFP#content=Yc2NANCv4mQp1f>

One of the biggest reveals and most anticipated moment was where the venue for the Festival would be. We needed a venue that would appeal and showcase the beautiful city of Oxford. The Examination Schools is the firm favourite. The Brethren were very happy with the choice.



The Festival is about raising much needed funds but at the core, is to have fun. To provide the entertainment and to kickstart the fundraising, our **Fundraising Team** were introduced and put to action!



The types of events that Lodges and Brethren could hold were given, one suggestion was ‘Sumo Wrestling’, but I think that was more to stitch up the Prov.G.M.! Plus, our Festival Merchandise was showcased.



The Festival Committee is tasked with planning and delivering the Festival in 2025. Hopefully, fellow Oxfordshire Brethren will volunteer to help out.



The feedback from the Relaunch Event has been very positive, many Brethren have shown interest in helping the committee and have already thought of fundraising events or how to contribute to the Festival newsletter. Over the three nights, over 150 Brethren attended which is a great result. As this event is the first of many, the future of the 157th MBF Annual Festival 2025, Oxfordshire, looks bright and, more importantly, back on track.

Please do check out www.oxonmbf2025.org.uk³ for more information.

S&F,

Bro. Mocky Khan

Head of Festival Marketing and Comms for Oxfordshire.

Abbey Lodge of M.M.M. No. 225.



[This is a good opportunity to remind Brethren about MBF Festival Year Bars](#)

The Year Bars come as part of the Stewardship pack. They are no longer available to purchase on their own.

These are not designed to fit on the Festival Stewards Breast Jewel. They are purely for collarettes. If you have a collarette, you slip them over the collarette material. Once in place, push the bar at the back which will crimp it to secure it in place.

³<http://www.oxonmbf2025.org.uk/>




The 2023 Stewards Jewels have been despatched this week.

Masonry Rhymes


The following poem by Bro. Ant Wilkins of St. Michael's Lodge of M.M.M. No. 175 (Cornwall) came to our attention on social media.

You can visit his website [Masonry Rhymes Here](https://www.masonryrhymes.co.uk/)⁴

⁴<https://www.masonryrhymes.co.uk/>



My Mark




A master for a time,
 Brethren, can you answer a question, if I should hark?
 I'm looking for more light, but nothing dull,
 Fun and friendly, not stuffy and stark.

A play taken part in, and an order joined,
 A history of building, and creating out of stone, a key.
 Welcomed with stamping and clapping, friendly and fun,
 Join and you'll see!

My hand still present,
 After presenting my proof.
 Overseers, coercing, intimidating even,
 Whilst they inspect, appearing aloof.

And now I am a member,
 Of another order, receiving yet more light, and less dark.
 Because my worthy brethren,
 I am a master mason, who, has received his mark!



By Bro Ant Wilkins
 St Michaels Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 175.

And there's also a this short video about his poetry.



<https://youtu.be/70INOPDiEaM>

Change of date for the Annual Convocation of the Grand Senatus of the Scarlet Cord



Hello Companions!

A very important heads up for you. Subject (of course) to Government regulations staying close to the roadmap we are currently following, Grand Senatus will be held at MMH on Thursday 2 September at 12.30.

This will of course include the investiture of the 2021 Grand Rank recipients.

We also plan to conduct two 4th Grade conferrals on the day before, to process all those who have been approved. Full details to follow.

On Friday 3 September we will be conducting one of probably three 5th Grade conferrals for 2021, primarily (but not exclusively) for overseas Companions coming to London for Grand Senatus, assuming this is permissible.

I must reiterate again that this is all subject to Government regulations being in accordance with the roadmap as it is currently known to us.

M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans, Grand Summus

Surrey Cord Newsletter



A Message from our Provincial Grand Stewards

Gentlemen, Companions and

Worshippers to the second edition of

the Surrey Cord.

I trust you had a very happy,

enjoyable and peaceful Easter and

are looking forward to getting

back to normal. Recovery is as

soon as possible.

Let us see that when that

happens it is based on some

strong belief in the future more than

after a few meetings the past year

will be history and forgotten.

Does it suggest that a week of the virtual work now could be very

helpful before we eventually get back to normality?

As you are well aware this will very much depend upon

any relaxation of the Government Lockdown Restrictions

when we reach certain specified dates. Restrictions were eased

on 29th March so that outdoor gatherings are now allowed in

groups of up to six. I must say that two days later having

opened pictures of packed beaches and parks throughout the

country in National Newsprint I was somewhat alarmed.

However, I will remain optimistic and I am looking forward to

further Government Roadmap updates due on 12th April,

17th May, and 21st June, when it is anticipated that we will

improve as it is hoped goodness knows what might happen.

I do note that many of our Companions will have received

the communication from the United Grand Lodge of England

about Government instructions and options for the resumption

of Craft and Royal Arch Meetings in the next few months. In

fact former Provinces appear to be fine off the grid, having

arranged for both Provincial Chapter and Provincial Craft

Meetings to take place on Wednesday 14th July at Crofters

Museum Centre which I hope to attend.

I received a letter from the Grand Recorder at Mark

Mason's Hall on 29th March advising that no decision has been

taken by them as to whether meetings in their Orders will

resume in May or later. They are waiting to hear the verdict

of the Government's next roadmap update due on 12th April

before commenting further.

I am happy to report however that plans to hold our

Annual Provincial Meeting at Sunbeam on Thursday 19th July

are progressing. The active Provincial Grand Officers for 2021

2022 have been installed, and the Provincial Grand Recorder

will be sending out the appointment letters very shortly. It all

goes well with the first two Government roadmap updates

then there is a good possibility that 19th July will be the date

that if problems arise we do have two backup options. We

could change of course to a Virtual Platform depending on the

state of the country, or secondly, we have a provisional booking at

Sunbeam for Saturday 23rd September 2021 on which day

apart from I would expect to have a better idea after 17th May.

We will also be holding a Preparation Ceremony before

the Guildford Conventory Meeting on Thursday 28th October

2021.



The Preparation Ceremony is for candidates who are

about to be installed as President of their Conventory. As if

they are prepared for the rank of High Priest and Judge, a

Warrant of our Ancient Order and then become qualified to be

installed as President of a regular Conventory.

Any Conventory who is likely to be installed in the next

few years should either contact their Conventory Recorder or

the Provincial Recorder.

My best wishes to you all. Stay safe and keep well.

Richard Long, Provincial Grand Recorder

Warrington Conventory Virtual Business Meeting

The first Virtual Business Meeting of a Surrey Conventory

took place at Warrington Conventory No 154 on Tuesday 30th

March.

The Conventory was opened by the

Presiding Officer, R.D.L. Long, Michael

Barnes, Past Provincial Grand Stewards,

Provincial. The Recorder, George

Alston, Richardson read the Letter of

Permission to hold the meeting and the

Bye-laws.

The Presiding Officer welcomed all our guests and

visitors, especially R.D.L. Long, Provincial Grand

Stewards, a member of the Conventory, and Dr. George

Alston, Past Provincial Grand Stewards of the

Provincial Grand Conventory of Surrey. This was the first time

they had both attended a Surrey Cord meeting together since

their installation.

After the minutes had been approved and the accounts

presented the Conventory voted to elect four candidates to

be received as Companions of the Order, First Grade, as soon

as meetings are resumed.

The Presiding Officer thanked everyone for attending a

most enjoyable meeting and declared the meeting closed.

The Conventory meeting was followed by a meeting of the

Warrington Conventory No 154.

Provincial Annual Meeting 2021

Subject to Government guidelines and instructions from

Mark Mason's Hall we hope to be able to hold our Provincial

Meeting at Sunbeam in the morning of Thursday 19th July 2021.

Our Provincial Grand Stewards is looking forward to being

able to meet his Officers, something he has been unable to do

in person since his installation by the M.D. Grand Stewards

back in July 2020.



Visits around the Provinces and Districts

Following the suspension of Macmillan activity in 2020 the first Virtual Business Meeting of a Scarlet Grid Province was not Annual Meeting in July 2020. Attending the meeting was the Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, and over 150 Companions from all across the world. Since then many Provinces and Districts have held successful Virtual Business Meetings. These have been well supported by the Grand Summus, our Provincial Grand Summus and a number of Summy Companions.

The first of these was to the Virtual Meeting of the District Grand Summus of Southern India in August 2020. Attending was the Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ryan Williams, and 150 Delegates from other Districts and Provinces. After the conclusion of the Annual Meeting the Grand Summus gave a most interesting talk about the history of the Order of the Scarlet Grid. The talk covered membership and growth of the Order, the Constitution of the Order, Delegates, and why members of the Order of the Scarlet Grid should consider joining.

To view the presentation click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Jhuc5L2G0>

Our next visit was up to the Provincial Grand Summus of East Lancashire. Attending the meeting was the Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, Deputy Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Francis Charles Spencer, Assistant Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Howard Saul Matthews and the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ryan Williams.

Photo Summy there was our Provincial Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Arnold Long, Past Provincial Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Linda Potts, Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist. Comp. Nigel Thomas, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Dist. Comp. Ian Smith and our Provincial Grand Recorder, Dist. Comp. Chris May.

At the meeting the Grand Summus formally welcomed R. Dist. Comp. Alan Shanks as the Provincial Grand Summus for the Provincial Grand Summus of East Lancashire. A presentation was made to the Past Provincial Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Howard Saul Matthews, of a framed certificate, two crystal glasses and a silver bottle of gin with many thanks from the Companions of East Lancashire for all that R. Dist. Comp. Howard Saul Matthews has done for the Province while Provincial Grand Summus.

Next was the meeting of the Provincial Grand Summus of Kent attended once again by the Grand Summus, the Deputy Grand Summus, and the Grand Recorder.

R. Dist. Comp. Philip Charles Clark, Provincial Grand Summus of Kent, declared the meeting open and welcomed all the guests and visitors from Grand Summus, Provincial Grand Summus and from other Orders within the Province. He congratulated those who have received appointments or promotions in the Provincial Grand Summus of Kent and welcomed Provincial Grand Summus. He then invited the Grand Summus to address the meeting and then thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

It was then down south to the Provincial Grand Summus of Hampshire. He of Right and the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, M. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, the Assistant Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Howard Saul Matthews and the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ryan Williams.

The meeting was attended by many members of the Provincial Grand Summus of Hampshire and the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, M. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, the Assistant Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Howard Saul Matthews and the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ryan Williams.

Our last visit was to the Provincial Grand Summus of Devon & Cornwall which was attended by just over 100 Companions including our Grand Summus, M. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, Deputy Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Francis Charles Spencer, Assistant Grand Summus, R. Dist. Comp. Howard Saul Matthews, the Grand Recorder, R. Dist. Comp. Ryan Williams, and the Assistant Grand Recorder, Dist. Comp. Sam Smith.

Dist. Comp. Kenneth Hastings as Chalkley, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, the Provincial Grand Summus Delegate, declared the meeting open and welcomed all parties. The Grand Summus addressed the Companions and presented the Grand Recorder to him the Patent of Appointment.

The Grand Summus then formally welcomed R. Dist. Comp. Companion Kenneth Hastings as Chalkley, R. Dist. Comp. Ian Stanley Curran, the Provincial Grand Summus for the Provincial Grand Summus of Devon & Cornwall. The Provincial Grand Summus congratulated those who have received appointments or promotions in the Provincial Grand Summus of Devon & Cornwall, thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Not only have these been successful and enjoyable meetings, they have also provided an opportunity to visit other Provinces and Districts that we may not otherwise have had the opportunity to visit.

Provincial Grand Summus of Summy with sites: <https://www.summy.org.uk>

Click Here⁵ to download a copy.

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We can be found at:

Facebook - Mark Secretariat⁶ - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page⁷

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Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk⁹

The Shop@86 is open for online orders via the website

[Click Here](https://www.shopat86.co.uk/)¹⁰ to visit the Shop@86 website

Please note: During the current Government Lockdown restrictions, there will be limited access to Mark Masons' Hall. As a result there will be delays to the despatch of orders, which will take place on a weekly basis, normally on a Tuesday. Customers will be notified via email once their order has been despatched. For enquiries about your order please email ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk¹¹



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The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised over £46,000 and continues to grow



Please note that the MCF, who are handling donations to this appeal, have moved their payment collection site from the Everyday Hero platform to that of Just Giving. This doesn't impact how you make your donation but unfortunately it isn't possible for us to set the amount of your donation automatically to £20. The default set by the website is £30 and you will need to adjust it down.

You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. [Just Click Here¹²](#) or use the Text Donate facility below.

100% of donations will be given to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group to support their vital work. To recognise your generosity and support, The Great Priory of Knights Templar is sending a limited-edition Swift tie/lapel pin to every donor.

The Swift pins are now being posted out but please bear with us as we are only in the office one day per week to carry out this task so some deliveries will take longer than others. Thank you for your patience.



Text **KT2042020 to 70500 to donate £20**

All monies donated to this text number go towards the **The Knights Templar 20 for 2020 Appeal**

For a text donation, you will be charged for one standard text message plus your donation of £20. Always get the bill payer's permission. The Relief Chest will receive 100% of your donation. If you do not want to be contacted by text in the future, add the words NO INFO when texting your donation. All donations are administered by the Relief Chest Scheme (Grand Charity Registered Charity No. 281942). Text donation helpline: 020 3146 3352. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1184703; Company No. 09751836

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¹²<https://fundraising.mcf.org.uk/Appeal-KT2042020>

MBF Festival 2021



East Lancashire Province, hosts of the **153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival in 2021**, have produced a unique **Souvenir Festival Calendar** for the year **2021** and copies are now available.

These large, wall hanging calendars feature twelve contrasting prints of iconic sights in East Lancashire, commencing with the beauty of Pendle Hill in January and ending with Manchester's colourful Christmas Market in December. The 12 original watercolours were painted by Annette Young over the past four years specially for this calendar without cost to the Province. Calendars are priced at £10 each and all proceeds will go to the MBF.

So, let us brighten your kitchen or office wall and at the same time provide much needed support for our Mark Benevolent Fund. Why not purchase several more copies to send to friends and family at Christmas?

Thank you very much for your support.



The calendar measures: 318mm x 228mm folded – 318mm x 456mm open

To order:

By email: eastlancscalendars@gmail.com¹³ By telephone: 07766731307

Payment by **cheque to East Lancs Mark 2021 Festival** – post to:

East Lancs Calendars. 47 St Leonards Way, Woore, Crewe. CW3 9SS

Or contact them for electronic payment details

And don't forget, Stewardship, Badge and Festival orders can be places as well.

Click Here¹⁴ for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here¹⁵ for the updated complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here¹⁶

MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels Now Available

The new-look MBF Stewardship Jewels have now multiplied in number and are available for the following Festivals:

2022 Surrey¹⁷

2023 West Yorkshire¹⁸

2024 Cheshire¹⁹

2025 Oxfordshire²⁰

2026 Hampshire & IOW²¹

2027 Warwickshire²²

2028 Somerset²³

¹³<mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

¹⁴https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf

¹⁵[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete_Forms_Pack_Final_2021_-_Updated_18.01.2021_\(002\).pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete_Forms_Pack_Final_2021_-_Updated_18.01.2021_(002).pdf)

¹⁶<http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

¹⁷<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2022-surrey-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹⁸<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2023-west-yorkshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form/viewdocument>

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²³<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2028-somerset-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

2030 Essex²⁴



²⁴<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2030-essex-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>















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.

Helping to Combat Covid



At the start of Lockdown the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W., shared the COVID Symptom Study²⁵ app.

As local lockdowns and UK cases increase, with over 4 million users, this app is a useful source of information regarding the situation in your area, as well as being a portal through which people of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID, support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

Business as usual for the Staff@86



²⁵<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Staff from the 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall have returned to working from home but all departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support as usual.



Mark Masons' Hall is pleased to be

