

Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No: 207610



153rd Annual Festival

Saturday, 3rd July 2021

To be held at

The Manchester Suite

Manchester United Football Club

Old Trafford

Manchester

M16 0SZ

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Dear Sir and Brother,

On behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund, it is with the greatest pleasure that the Mark Province of East Lancashire invites you to the 153rd Annual Festival.

This festival will celebrate the culmination of more than 6 years of fundraising for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The Festival Dinner Evening itself will be in one of the best known locations in the UK, Manchester United's Football Ground at Old Trafford. It will commence with welcome drinks and entertainment at 6:30pm followed by a three course Festival Banquet, including wine, served at 7:30pm. After the Festival result has been announced by the Grand Secretary, we shall be entertained until midnight.

Tickets for the entire evening including the drinks reception, Festival Banquet including wine and entertainment will be £70 per person.

Please note that the final date for booking is 1st February 2021.

My wife Leslie and I look forward to seeing you all at the 153rd Annual Festival in East Lancashire.

You can be sure of a very warm welcome.

Yours sincerely

Alex

R.W.Bro. Alexander Sillars McLaren

Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire

President, 153rd Annual Festival for the Mark Benevolent Fund



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2021 Festival Dinner Booking Notes

Dancing and Entertainment

After the speeches have concluded at 10 pm, a party to celebrate the success of the Festival will be held during which we will be entertained by International Singer “Steve Baylis” and also the “The Aim” a Motown Group. They both, I’m sure, will encourage us all to take to the dance floor or enjoy each other’s company, new and old, until midnight.

Festival Booking and Cancellations Statement

The closing date for the Festival bookings is 1st February 2021 and if you unfortunately have to cancel, this may be done up to 1st April 2021. Mobile telephone numbers are required for every couple attending, in case we need to contact you about your booking.

Friday 2nd July and Saturday 3rd July

After check-in at your hotel on Friday, you will be free to experience the centre of Manchester just 10/15 mins away by metro, tram or taxi, with all the city bars and restaurants available. Saturday, after breakfast, you will be free to sample all that Greater Manchester has on offer. A full information sheet on local attractions will be included in your personal welcome pack.

Saturday 3rd July Festival Dinner

The Dress code will be black tie for men (brethren to wear chains/collars and collarettes as appropriate) and cocktail dresses for the ladies.

Complimentary welcome drinks will be available prior to the Festival dinner. Other pre-dinner drinks will be available to purchase at the 5 pay bars in the reception areas around the dining room. A half bottle of wine per person will be available with the meal. Extra wine may be purchased.

Coaches will leave from the designated hotels for the evening function from 6.15 pm. The precise time of individual coaches will be advised in your Welcome Pack which will be available from the 2021 Festival Registration desk at your hotel, upon arrival. Coaches will leave for your return journey from the evening function at two different times. One at 10.30 pm after the Festival Dinner and the second as soon as possible after 12.30 am, at the conclusion of the entertainment following the dinner. Please be sure to indicate on the booking form which coach time you prefer to use.

Please also indicate on the booking form any special dietary requirements, such as allergies, diabetic or intolerances. The menu is displayed separately in this booking pack.

Your safety is of paramount importance to us. We advise that the security at the venue will be similar to that experienced at major airports. You will be required to show your booking email confirmation as an entry ticket to the security staff, all bags will be checked and you will be asked to pass through a metal detector.



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2021 Festival Dinner Booking Notes Cont.

Hotels

The Province has negotiated special rates at the Copthorne Hotel and the Marriott AC Hotel. It is your responsibility to book and pay direct with the hotel. The Mark Province of East Lancashire are unable to accept any responsibility for Hotel bookings or cancellations. You may stay on both Friday and Saturday nights at the following rates:-

Copthorne Hotel Manchester. Friday and/or Saturday double room rate at £120 per night Bed and breakfast

Marriott AC Hotel Manchester Salford Quays: Friday and/or Saturday double room rate at £129 per night Bed and breakfast

To book, contact the hotel direct and quote the reference "Mark Masons". We recommend booking early to ensure your reservations.

The addresses and contact details are as follows:-

Copthorne Hotel Manchester:

Address: Clippers Quay, Salford Quays Manchester, M50 3SN United Kingdom

Tel: 0161 873 7321

Email: reservations.manchester@millenniumhotels.com

Check-in: 2pm - Checkout: 12 Noon

Metro Tram Stop. Salford Quays or Exchange Quay, 5mins walk

Marriott AC Hotel Manchester Salford Quays:

Address: 17-19 Trafford Road, Salford Quays, Manchester, M5 3AW United Kingdom

Tel: 0161 876 5305

Email: meetings@acmanchester.com

Check-in: 3pm - Checkout: 12 Noon

Metro Tram Stop. Salford Quays, 5mins walk

Public Transport

The nearest Tram Stop is about a 5 mins walk from the hotels travelling into Manchester's "St Peters Square" for the city centre which takes approximately 10 minutes.



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The Festival Dinner Menu

Starter

Carrot and Coriander Soup, Mint Yoghurt and Sippets



Main Course

Soft Herb Seared Supreme of Chicken

Flash Fried Sweet Peppers, Courgette, Fondant Potato and a Pesto Cream Sauce

Or a vegetarian main course option

Vegetarian Main Course

Beetroot and Ricotta Gnocchi

Textures of Greens, Slow Roast Beets, Balsamic Glaze, Tempura Leaves and Horseradish Cream



Dessert

Rich Dark Chocolate Torte

With Orange Salad and Mocha Tuille

Wines served on the table to complement the meal.



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Festival Dinner Booking Form

(Please complete one form per couple)

Ref:

Please read the booking notes before completing this form

Your name in full: Mark Rank

Partner's name in full:

Address:

Postcode:

Email: Mobile Phone

Lodge Name and Number: Province:

Seating for the Festival Dinner will be by Province or Lodge unless otherwise notified.

Please tick main course as required:- Chicken Vegetarian

Dietary requirements:-

Hotels booked

Copthorne Hotel Manchester:

Marriott AC Hotel Manchester Salford Quays:

Coach Transport

Please note if you are booking the coaches, they will only leave from, and return to, the above designated hotels at a cost of £7.50 per person.

Please indicate the number of seats required on which return coach.

The coach leaves the hotel from 6.15 and returns at 10.30 after the Festival dinner

The coach leaves the hotel from 6.15 and returns at 12.30 after the entertainment.



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Ref:

Festival Payment Form

(Please complete one form per couple)

Please read the booking notes before completing this form

Festival Dinner

Dinner @ £70 per person

Total £.....

Coaches

Return Coach from hotel to Festival Dinner @ £7.50 per person Total £.....

Grand Total £ _____

Please tick method of Payment:-

Cheque

Bank Transfer

By Cheque:

Please return Booking Forms and Payment Forms to:

Trevor Parvin, 2 Woodbury Crescent, Dukinfield, Cheshire, SK16 4HP

Tel: 07957 399800 Email: eastlancs2021@gmail.com

Cheques payable to:- EL 2021 Banquet

By Bank Transfer:

Please return Booking Forms and Payment Forms by email to:

eastlancs2021@gmail.com

Please use your full name as reference on the bank transfer

Bank Transfer details:- EL 2021 Banquet, Sort Code 20-55-41, Account Number 43811158.

Signature..... Date

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153rd Annual Festival Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

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Dear Sir and Brother,

As Provincial Grand Master for the Province of East Lancashire, I will have the honour of presiding over the 153rd Mark Benevolent Fund annual festival.

I hope that you will consider supporting East Lancashire by making a donation to qualify as a Festival Steward and also purchasing a Festival Badge.

All donations and orders for badges must be made directly to Mark Masons' Hall by completing the form over leaf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex McLaren'.

Alex

R.W.Bro. Alexander Sillars McLaren

Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire



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Stewardship and Festival Badge Payment Form 2021

a) I enclose my Stewardship Fee of £50.00 £.....

Important Note:- The Stewardship fee counts towards your Honorifics and gift aid can be collected

b) Please send Festival Badges at £10 each £.....

c) Please send Festival Bars at £10 each £.....

Gift aid cannot be collected on Badge or Bar sales

The Grand Total of my donation is (a+b+c) £_____

Your Full name:

Address:

Postcode:

Lodge & No: Province:

MMH No:

Return the Form to: Linda Read, MBF (Finance/Charities Dept) Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London. SW1A 1PL

Please tick method of Payment:-

Cheque Payable to **Mark Benevolent Fund**

Or Credit Card (Please fill in the details below)

Card Number

Security Number

Visa MC Maestro Issue No:

Valid From / Exp Date /

Or Bank Transfer (Please use the details below)

Sort Code: 82-12-08 Account Number: 60225892 Reference: Your name and MMH number

Gift Aid it—I wish this donation to be treated as a Gift Aid Donation

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that the charity that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2020.

Signature.....

Date