

# Freemasonry@86 News - 21 August 2020



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

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## Hard at work in the Mark District of Spain



The Mark District of Spain supporting the 'Samaritans in Spain'.

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<sup>1</sup><mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>

The last of the donations from our Charity Sing-a-Long has now been completed. Initially we pledged 900€ to the 'Samaritans in Spain' for equipment. They asked us for a new A/C unit to keep their Punta Marina call centre staff cool in the heat of the summer. The total bill came to 1,068€ and the District Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Barrie Roy Mansell authorised the full amount to be paid from the District Charity Account. The total given to Spanish based causes from the Sing-a-Long event is now 2,928€

The Assistant District Grand Master, W.Bro. Terry Porter, along with the District Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Ian Crawford, visited after the installation was completed to see the results and more importantly to thank the 'Samaritans in Spain' for all that they do to support those in crisis during these difficult times. They can be seen in the picture (standing under the new A/C unit) with Les Holloway, one of the Trustees and Sandra, one of the shop volunteers.

'Samaritans in Spain' is a fully registered charity and offers an English-speaking emotional support service for anyone in distress here in Spain, of any age or nationality, wherever you may be located within mainland Spain or the islands. You do not have to be suicidal to call – they handle calls about all kinds of situations from loneliness and isolation, to worries about Brexit, Covid-19, fears about health, work and financial issues, drug or alcohol abuse, domestic violence, self-harm, anxiety and depression.

The charity is funded purely through the kind donations of the public. All the specially trained Samaritan Listeners are volunteers and they cover the helplines from 10am to 10pm every day of the year, including weekends and holidays. They have a charity shop based in Punta Marina, which is open Monday to Saturday. This provides the income to support their work and to fund the helpline number 900-525-100 which is free to callers.

For further information about the service, on how to volunteer and on how to donate please visit:

[www.samaritansinspain.com](http://www.samaritansinspain.com)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritansinspain.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3ISa-FlrTLy6CFylzFfg4cXeSbO7YVkuOtODIBHh4ieQHRbszC2UM&h=AT2jbokAKIfpcKpH3kuuFi\\_FFkjlJg\\_93R08pQdDAu4mmwVkJu6GEYFxfVxnqcsYGMpN7ZeAVnBogtn3BikhHm6dk6fb6TZlp1R6HoorRKGx74mQgZzEJCg3Z315LqkKbNrBlGEOxpUxTuOjp3FoZ6\\_wNbt3gWUVZ0fM-9VGk5ZiTf4ckcguOBnhHutvhnRF5oPp1X5\\_3gMfGZHjTf2T91fDzTDPa-LEyiXin7ls-89Wo742X1UgbTZ4CCRBZD\\_F5zxQyYa03CROnGbUCGDI3TVVUZA8v6Uyr9jAlAbh6ixhoHBDEZomXq81hv5m-mBjIDZ\\_nISSdICjFFuBJX7Ph-PaHEY2\\_MsmiYJ4SDOHU9jNyNU3IsPX5q1B3d6\\_pfbZebuy1I24dH1KTUNjVSo0BpyjGd\\_5wThie6Ony99PjmAnAMo\\_ofgYBytNWelZCWfLengO9z9XSsxKO-7W5JXPezXB\\_07\\_TVfJzrSfDskLocDUstBYV0jk3sEaool5uXOhOI1mMVWGWdXS4VhkeWd2HjtzE9HwLxNmVOfVxJsaGmBidl5XpZO9LkCqVHC8nxB\\_Lew6JYWNu0vY6LKB-9uMXrkYBlDp8gnAZQItlIUylfsHn0QzC0f2B4QRWVhsvZl-5Cfew](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.samaritansinspain.com%2F%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3ISa-FlrTLy6CFylzFfg4cXeSbO7YVkuOtODIBHh4ieQHRbszC2UM&h=AT2jbokAKIfpcKpH3kuuFi_FFkjlJg_93R08pQdDAu4mmwVkJu6GEYFxfVxnqcsYGMpN7ZeAVnBogtn3BikhHm6dk6fb6TZlp1R6HoorRKGx74mQgZzEJCg3Z315LqkKbNrBlGEOxpUxTuOjp3FoZ6_wNbt3gWUVZ0fM-9VGk5ZiTf4ckcguOBnhHutvhnRF5oPp1X5_3gMfGZHjTf2T91fDzTDPa-LEyiXin7ls-89Wo742X1UgbTZ4CCRBZD_F5zxQyYa03CROnGbUCGDI3TVVUZA8v6Uyr9jAlAbh6ixhoHBDEZomXq81hv5m-mBjIDZ_nISSdICjFFuBJX7Ph-PaHEY2_MsmiYJ4SDOHU9jNyNU3IsPX5q1B3d6_pfbZebuy1I24dH1KTUNjVSo0BpyjGd_5wThie6Ony99PjmAnAMo_ofgYBytNWelZCWfLengO9z9XSsxKO-7W5JXPezXB_07_TVfJzrSfDskLocDUstBYV0jk3sEaool5uXOhOI1mMVWGWdXS4VhkeWd2HjtzE9HwLxNmVOfVxJsaGmBidl5XpZO9LkCqVHC8nxB_Lew6JYWNu0vY6LKB-9uMXrkYBlDp8gnAZQItlIUylfsHn0QzC0f2B4QRWVhsvZl-5Cfew)



Additionally, the District Grand Charity Steward, Bro. Keith Alcock on behalf of the District Grand Master has presented Walking Aids to Geoff Dunn the Equipment Co-ordinator of 'Help Benidorm' who was accompanied by Mick Foulstone, Maggie Slane and Jacque Leather all from Help. A special thanks to Mark of easyhire-it who kindly assisted in the sourcing of the walkers. This donation of 960€ to Help was made possible thanks to the generosity of our supporters through the charity sing-a-long.



## "Lockdown Through The Lens" photography competition



Wednesday 19 August was World Photography Day and, since the beginning of Lockdown it has become apparent on social media that many Freemasons have taken this opportunity to get busy with their cameras, we are pleased to announce the launch of our "Lockdown Through The Lens" photography competition.

There are three prizes of Amazon gift vouchers up for grabs with £100, £50 & £25 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place respectively. And the winning picture will be professionally printed, framed and hung in Mark Masons' Hall.

All you need to do is submit a picture, taken since Lockdown was announced, which captures something about the times that we are currently living in. It can be any subject matter you like, friends/family reunited, clear skies, abundant wildlife, empty streets. Just give it a title, explain in no more than one-hundred words what it represents to you, and submit it via email or post, along with the entry form, available [Here](#)<sup>3</sup>.

Entries must be received by noon on Monday 14 September.

We look forward to receiving your entries. Below are some pictures which may provide inspiration.



*1 - Last to leave the allotment*

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<sup>3</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Lockdown\\_Through\\_The\\_Lens\\_Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Lockdown_Through_The_Lens_Entry_Form.pdf)



*2 - Flying the Flag*



*3 - Tranquil Sunset*





*4 - All's quiet on Savile Row*



*5 - Waiting for play to resume*



*6 - First time out*



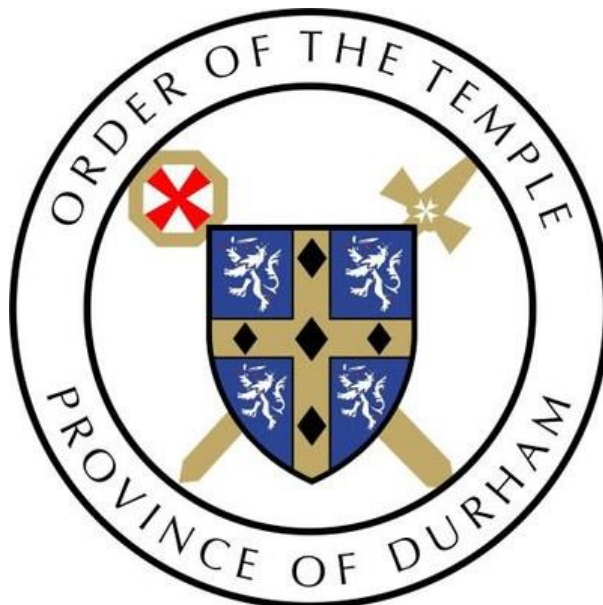
7 - No vapour trails

## Across Social Media

On Twitter - Brother. Beyond the Craft look forward to their next Podcast going live from 5 p.m. Friday 21 August

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1296474205626798089>

On Facebook - R.E.Kt. Richard Scott, Provincial Prior for Durham, launches his new Provincial Knights Templar Podcast



Click Here<sup>4</sup> to listen to the Podcast

## Not seeing your news? Join us on Social Media

Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook

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<sup>4</sup>[https://anchor.fm/richard-scott8?fbclid=IwAR3wDQ8dW6Jet\\_XOwwJA2sNwKsqfmg9doAxWxv\\_vLTv9HlnIxSIEjA3RWgw](https://anchor.fm/richard-scott8?fbclid=IwAR3wDQ8dW6Jet_XOwwJA2sNwKsqfmg9doAxWxv_vLTv9HlnIxSIEjA3RWgw)

Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent a Masonic Club or Society linked to our Orders, please send us an invite to join or follow you.

We can be found at:

Facebook - Mark Secretariat<sup>5</sup> - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page<sup>6</sup>

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall<sup>7</sup>

## Art@86

Continuing our look at some of the portraiture at Mark Masons' Hall and the personalities behind the pictures.

This week - Two Grand Masters



William Henry Leigh, The 2nd Lord Leigh, *PC*, was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, appointed in 1856, holding office for four years. He had been Installed as Master of Bon Accord Mark Lodge in 1855 and was centrally involved in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

His pedigree was strong; educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was already Provincial Grand Master for the Craft Province of Warwickshire, a position he held for a staggering 53 years. He also had an admirable military and civic background. As a Captain in the Warwickshire Yeomanry he saw action in the Crimean War and raised funds amongst his Masonic Brethren for the families of wounded or killed soldiers.

He served as Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire from 1856 until his death in 1905. He was High Steward of Sutton Coldfield from 1859 - 1892, Privy Councillor from 1895 until his death, and donated the site for St Alban's Church, Holborn - located at 18 Brooke Street, near Chancery Lane

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<sup>5</sup><https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

<sup>7</sup><https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>



Tube Station, a short walk from Freemasons' Hall. He was also Chairman of the Masonic School for Boys. He led a busy and active life, very focused on workers' rights and general welfare as well as Masonic charity.

He died in 1905 and was laid to rest at Stoneleigh Church, Warwickshire, with the vast number of Freemasons attending permitted to wear full regalia for the occasion.



William Stuart served as Grand Master of the Knights Templar from 1861 until 1872. He was very much a Hertfordshire Mason, having been initiated in Bamborough Lodge No. 851 in 1832. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Craft in 1833 (the year after his initiation) and went on to serve a Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire from 1844 until 1873.

In the Knights Templar, in 1840 he was a founder and first Commander of what was then Watford Encampment, now the eponymous Stuart Preceptory No. 28. He served five years as Provincial Prior for Hertfordshire (referred to as Provincial Grand Commander at the time).

Stuart was the son of another William Stuart, an Irish Archbishop, and that the family resided at Aldenham Abbey, a country estate near Watford. As well as his Masonic endeavours he had a political career as an elected for MP for Bedfordshire. His son, also William, would follow him into the Craft and likewise become a Provincial Grand Master, this time for Bedfordshire.

William Stuart's Craft history is fairly well documented but his Knights Templar background is less accessible. He obviously made quite an impression as he was deemed worthy of such a splendid portrait, attributed to Miss S. Rosenthal, which has recently been re-sited to the Warwickshire Temple at Mark Masons' Hall, which is traditionally used for KT ceremonies.

## Resumption of Masonic Activity



***A new interactive workflow for unit Secretaries has been produced to assist with the planning of meetings. You can download it [Here](#)<sup>8</sup>***

***You can click on various boxes to bring up further comments and guidance notes, and the bottom left hand corner contains the full latest guidance notes relating to Masonic activity.***

***If you click a box and a pop-up note appears you can click the pop-u box to hide it again when you have finished reading it.***

**Guidance for carrying out ceremonies permitted during Covid-19 restrictions have now been circulated to Provincial/District/Divisional Rulers and their Secretaries or equivalent. Please take a look at the guidance notes before planning any meetings, to familiarise yourself with the amendments to the ceremonial procedures.**

**Please note that from Saturday 8 August the wearing of face masks by those able to do so becomes mandatory at Masonic meetings in line with Government advice. Click [Here](#)<sup>9</sup> for the full letter from the Grand Secretary.**

Additionally, there have been several other announcements recently regarding the resumption of Masonic activity.

The announcement on behalf of the Management Board about the agreed schedule of fees for 2020-2021 is [Here](#)<sup>10</sup>

The Further Guidance following the announcement of the relaxation of the General Suspension of Masonic Activity, issued by the Grand Secretary on 17 July, containing some frequently asked questions and answers, is [Here](#)<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>8</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Secretaries\\_Workflow\\_eform.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Secretaries_Workflow_eform.pdf)

<sup>9</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Further\\_guidance\\_on\\_the\\_wearing\\_of\\_Face\\_Masks\\_at\\_Masonic\\_meetings\\_7\\_August\\_2020.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Further_guidance_on_the_wearing_of_Face_Masks_at_Masonic_meetings_7_August_2020.pdf)

<sup>10</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/22.07.20\\_Schedule\\_of\\_Fees\\_for\\_2020\\_-\\_2021\\_-\\_UK\\_and\\_EU.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/22.07.20_Schedule_of_Fees_for_2020_-_2021_-_UK_and_EU.pdf)

<sup>11</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Further\\_Guidance\\_following\\_the\\_announcement\\_of\\_the\\_Relaxation\\_of\\_the\\_General\\_Suspension\\_of\\_Masonic\\_Activity.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Further_Guidance_following_the_announcement_of_the_Relaxation_of_the_General_Suspension_of_Masonic_Activity.pdf)

The original General Guidance for the Resumption of Masonic Meetings, issued by the Grand Secretary on 6 July, relating to all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, can be viewed [Here](#)<sup>12</sup>

The joint Mark Masons' Hall/UGLE General Guidance for the Resumption of Masonic Meetings is [Here](#)<sup>13</sup>

There is also an important announcement about the communication of Mark Grand Lodge scheduled for September [Here](#)<sup>14</sup>

The guidance we have produced should help pave the way to formulating meetings in the "new normal"; providing those who feel able to attend with a safe and comfortable environment to perform ceremonies with the dignity required, while maintaining engagement and contact with Brethren who wish to remain at home. We will keep you updated via email and social media.

If you are unsure about any of the protocols to be observed please contact your Provincial/District Grand Secretary (or equivalent) in the first instance, who will be able to advise you. We are indebted to them for the work they are carrying in their respective Provinces, Districts and Divisions at this difficult time.



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<sup>12</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/060720 Explanatory Note to Members about the General Guidance for the Resumption of Masonic Meetings.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/060720%20Explanatory%20Note%20to%20Members%20about%20the%20General%20Guidance%20for%20the%20Resumption%20of%20Masonic%20Meetings.pdf)

<sup>13</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/060720 General Guidance for the Resumption of Masonic Meetings.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/060720%20General%20Guidance%20for%20the%20Resumption%20of%20Masonic%20Meetings.pdf)

<sup>14</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/16.07.20 Notice of the intended Abandonment of the September Communication of Grand Mark Lodge.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/16.07.20%20Notice%20of%20the%20intended%20Abandonment%20of%20the%20September%20Communication%20of%20Grand%20Mark%20Lodge.pdf)

## The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised more than £30,000.00



You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. Just [Click Here<sup>15</sup>](#) or use the Text Donate facility below.

100 per cent of donations will be given to 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 sending 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. 1164703, Company No. 09751836

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<sup>15</sup><http://everydayhero.co.uk/event/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.com](mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com)<sup>16</sup> By telephone: 07766731307

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

**East Lancs Calendars. 47 St Leonards Way, Woore, Crewe. CW39SS**

<sup>16</sup><mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>



### **Or contact them for electronic payment details**

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

Click Here<sup>17</sup> for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here<sup>18</sup> for the complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here<sup>19</sup>

## **The Shop@86 is now open**



As well as being able to accept online orders, we are pleased to announce the Shop@86 is now open to visitors, initially from 1pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

For those who have received appointment to, or promotion in, Grand Rank - you may still place your order using the methods outlined in the form provided with your offer letter.

Please note: orders will be dispatched as soon as possible but may be subject to delays caused by Covid-19 restrictions.

Visit the Shop@86 website Here<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Stewardship\\_Badge\\_Form.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf)

<sup>18</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Festival\\_Complete\\_Forms\\_Pack.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Festival_Complete_Forms_Pack.pdf)

<sup>19</sup><http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

<sup>20</sup><https://www.shopat86.co.uk/>



**Business as usual for the Staff@86 while away from Mark Masons' Hall**

Mark Masons' Hall may have 'closed for business' during the imposed lockdown, but all departments and teams are available on email to help and support.

