



Freemasonry@86 News - 4 June 2021



Virtual Trinity Sunday Service

The Red Cross of Constantine Division of South Wales and Monmouthshire are pleased to share with members of all Orders and faiths, the video of their virtual Trinity Sunday Service.

The Service was hosted by the Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Nigel Lloyd Angell, *JP*, and attended by the Worthy Knights of the Division and their guests,



<https://youtu.be/GlpIm-u7trw>

R.S.M. District Meeting of Cheshire and The Marches

The District Grand Council of Cheshire and the Marches was held as a Virtual Business Meeting on Saturday, 29 May 2021. Attending was the Grand Master, M.III.Comp. Kessick John Jones and Companions from many other Districts. A total of 75 Companions joined the meeting.



The District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Bryan Hughes, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.

The Grand Master, M.III.Comp. Kessick Jones, briefly addressed the meeting. He expressed his thanks to the Companions for the invitation and spoke about our ability to accept and adapt to change. An example of this was the use of the Zoom video conferencing tool which has been put to good use by those in the Orders administered by Mark Masons' Hall. He was very pleased to see so many attending from other Districts, as well as from other Orders within the District and he congratulated those District Officers appointed that day, as well as those he would have invested in person at Grand Council in April



The District Grand Master addressed District Grand Council. He congratulated those Companions he had appointed to District Grand Rank and said how much he was looking forward to being with everyone again. He added that it was now five months since being appointed as District Grand Master and he is looking forward to the challenges of recommencing our Freemasonry. Most Councils have ceremonies in hand as well as Candidates to be Chosen. He thanked all his team for their hard work in setting up and running this Virtual Business Meeting. He then thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.



Afterwards the guests all said how much they had enjoyed the meeting and wished the District of Cheshire and The Marches every success in the future.

Article and photos by Chris Eley, District Assistant Grand Recorder (Surrey).

Volunteers' Week 2021



It's Volunteers' Week and we would love to receive photo's and stories of your volunteering endeavours.

You can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk¹ or message us on Twitter or Facebook. We look forward to hearing from you.

Here are some of the stories so far...

We enjoyed the video of 'Mark Mason' being launched from Angle Lifeboat Station. To the crew and everyone involved with the RNLI, thank you for all you do for those in peril on the sea.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1399424022677438468>

There was a very strong message on the importance and benefits of volunteering, from our friends at St John Ambulance.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1399727637094932491>

We heard from W.Bro. Robin Evans, the Mark Province of Kent's Communications Manager who, with his Partner Sue, is a Puppy Walker for Guide Dogs, seen here with Nia. Fantastic. Well done Robin, Sue and, of course, Nia.

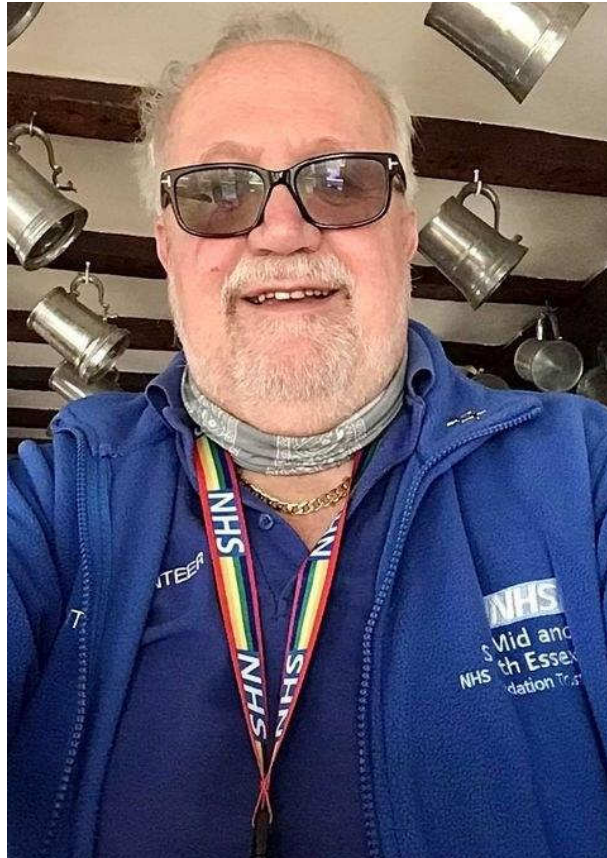
¹<mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>



Also, W.Bro. Adrian Thomas who represented the Dyfed Mark team in 2017 for the Charity walk by dressing up as the Welsh Dragon. The team have since been brought back to life to help deliver shopping and other goods to local residents.



And W.Bro. Rev. Dr. Derek Oliver, P.Prov.G.J.W. (Essex), founder & Chaplain of the Mark Internet Lodge, Province of Monmouthshire, who shared this picture showing him in his role as a volunteer with the Mid & South Essex NHS Trust. He's mainly been working at Vaccination Centres in South Essex but also spent a couple of weeks helping the IT department sort out a problem of missing records.



We know there are many, many, more volunteers among you and we **thank you for all that you do**, especially in these uncertain times.

More from South Wales and Monmouthshire



R. Dist. Comp. Keith Ferguson, Provincial Grand Summus for the Scarlet Cord Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire, was back in action this week, making a visit to South Glamorgan Consistory No. 22 T.I.

The meeting was not only the Installation of Dist. Comp Andy Thomas as President but also a chance for Keith to formally invest some of his Provincial Officers who were appointed on 1st May.



Across Social Media

On YouTube - Minerva Talks are back with Part 2 of "*Knights Templar - Pirates, Freemasons, Tomar & Gisors*"



<https://youtu.be/TyaLbmsvD-I>

On Facebook - The Mark Province of Somerset prepares for the last Open House before the summer recess

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And, in Coventry, a familiar face pops up...

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On Twitter - Ribble Valley "The Internet Consistory" get some welcome news

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1400470675085697026>

And, can anyone in Dorset help with storage space and distribution?

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1399752397468098565>

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 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 Secretariat² - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page³









Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall⁴

Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk⁵

Dates for the diary

In the hope that the Government may soon announce the lifting of restrictions, we have started making plans for the Autumn.

Dates to note are:

 <p>Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus Thursday, 2 September (moved from May 2021)</p>	 <p>Annual Meeting of Grand Council Tuesday, 26 October</p>
 <p>Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge Tuesday, 7 September</p>	 <p>Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave Thursday, 11 November</p>
 <p>Annual Meeting of Grand Priory Thursday, 9 September</p>	 <p>Annual Chapter of Grand Priory of Malta Tuesday, 16 November</p>
 <p>Annual Assembly of Grand Imperial Conclave Tuesday, 12 October (moved from July 2021)</p>	 <p>Annual Assembly of the Honourable Honourable Fraternity of Royal Art, Malheur Tuesday, 14 December</p>

The Shop@86 is now open for customers from 2 p.m. on weekdays, as well as for online orders via the website

[Click Here⁶](#) to visit the Shop@86 website

Please note: During the current Government Covid-19 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.uk⁷

²<https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

³<https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

⁴<https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

⁵<mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>

⁶<https://www.shopat86.co.uk/>

⁷<mailto:ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk>



The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised over £48,000 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 Here⁸ 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.



The Knights Templar
20 for 2020 Appeal



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: 022 3146 3352. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1184703; Company No. 09751836

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MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

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

2022 Surrey⁹

2023 West Yorkshire¹⁰

2024 Cheshire¹¹

2025 Oxfordshire¹²

2026 Hampshire & IOW¹³

⁸<https://fundraising.mcf.org.uk/Appeal-KT2042020>

⁹<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2022-surrey-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹⁰<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2023-west-yorkshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form/viewdocument>

¹¹<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2024-cheshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹²<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2025-oxfordshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹³<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2026-hants-iow-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

2027 Warwickshire¹⁴

2028 Somerset¹⁵

2030 Essex¹⁶

We are still awaiting stock of 2025 and 2030 Jewels but this week we had 100 of the 2026 Jewels arrive at MMH which have now been posted out and we are waiting on further stock to arrive.

2022/2023/2024/2027/2028 are all ready and we have been posting these out.

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.

¹⁴<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2027-warwickshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹⁵<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2028-somerset-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹⁶<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 Study¹⁷ 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.

¹⁷<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Normal service resuming @86



Mark Masons' Hall reopened its doors to Brethren on Monday, 17 May and staff have returned to working on the fourth floor on a 'hybrid' rota basis. Whether in the office or working from home, all departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support as usual.

Mark Masons' Hall is pleased to be

