



## Freemasonry@86 News - 23 July 2021



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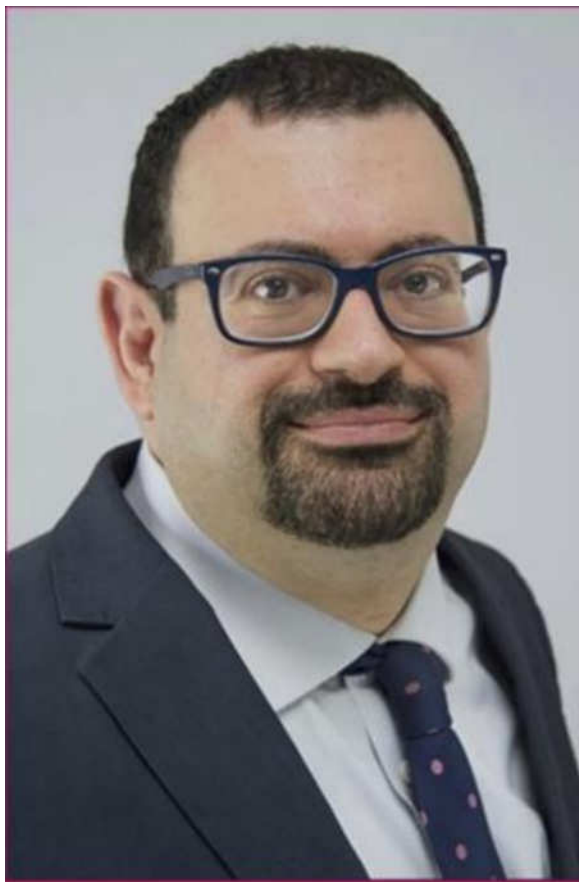
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## Two exceptional Brethren

[Congratulations to W.Bro. Prof. Marios Adamou O.B.E.](#)

In the Queen's Birthday Honours list, Worshipful Brother Marios Adamou was presented with an O.B.E. (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire). He received the Honour for his services to mental health, particularly his work relating to adult neurodevelopmental disorders, having established the largest NHS service in the UK, and his contribution to research in the field.



Marios was born in Cyprus, is married (his wife is also a Freemason) and has two Sons both of whom study at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield. He studied Medicine initially in Greece, then trained in Psychiatry in London, before moving to Yorkshire as a Consultant Psychiatrist working at South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS FT. He is also a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Huddersfield.

His Craft Freemasonry began at The Brighouse Lodge No. 1301 being introduced through the Provincial introduction system. He was initiated on 20 April 2011, Passed and then Raised on 18 April 2012. He

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became Worshipful Master of Brighthouse Lodge in 2018 and 2019, and in 2019, he also joined Rastrick Lodge No. 4885 where he is currently Senior Warden.



His journey in the Mark began when he was introduced to R.W.Bro. Brian Morris Batty, Past Prov.G.M. Their relationship grew and he joined Brighthouse Lodge of M.M.M. No. 753 who meet on a Monday. At his advancement Brian asked if the newly advanced Brother would like to attend a Meeting on the Saturday, yes was the answer and a place was found. This was the Appointment and Investiture of our current Prov.G.M., R.W.Bro. James Steggles.

He was Installed in the Chair of Brighthouse Lodge of M.M.M. No. 753 on 11 February 2019.

His passion for Freemasonry is well illustrated by the fact that, in the ten years since he was initiated into Craft, he has joined several other orders, many where he has attained the Chair.

Combined, they make an impressive list of commitments indicative of a most committed Freemason who has a very infectious enthusiasm and who, when asked what his ambitions were in Freemasonry, responded, 'to continue to enjoy my membership and hope that others would be inspired to follow the lead'. Undoubtedly it is the commitment to the precepts of Mark Masonry that shines with Marios and the desire to demonstrate this in his daily life and actions; exactly what should be at the forefront of all our Masonic endeavours.

Finally, a reflection upon W.Bro. Marios by V.W.Bro. Dr Rod Taylor, Past.Asst.Prov.G.M. who said "With his strong academic background, Marios can well be described as a speculative Mason but despite his numerous qualifications, he has more degrees than a thermometer, he is not a distant, ivory tower intellectual, but a down to earth character who endears himself to his Brethren with his modest, humorous and sympathetic approach".

An evening's Masonry with Marios is always an enjoyable and memorable experience. He has heavy professional responsibilities not just locally, but regionally and nationally, and has had to work exceptionally hard during the coronavirus pandemic. We are all delighted that the endeavours of this

*With thanks to W.Bro. Duncan Smith, P.G.S.D., Communications Officer - Mark Province of West Yorkshire.*

On the front line with V.III.Kt. Joe Sudhakar



At the recent Virtual Business Meeting for the Red Cross of Constantine Division of Cumbria, the Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Keith Beaumont, expressed his admiration for his Deputy Intendant-General, V.III.Kt. Joseph Sudhakar, P.G.H.Alm., with the following words:

"Worthy Knights, it was a delight to re-appoint my Deputy, V.III.Kt. Joseph Sudhakar who has, during these difficult times, made regular contact with me. Worthy Knights, I do feel it appropriate on all our behalf to thank Joe during this meeting. Most of you will be aware that my Deputy is an Consultant Orthopaedic & Trauma Surgeon in County Durham."

"When the first "Lockdown" was introduced, V.III.Kt. Joe remained at the Darlington Memorial Hospital taking care of Covid-19 patients while, at the same time, attending to emergency patients who had

suffered various bone injuries. He was unable to return to his home in Cumbria, as Darlington was in a different tier to his home. During the second "Lockdown" he remained at the hospital for seven months without returning home."

"As a consultant orthopaedic and trauma surgeon, V.III.Kt. Joe has been on call and has worked long hours seven days a week for most of the time restrictions were imposed. He is now able to go home to see his family once a fortnight but he is working extra hours to reduce his waiting list which has grown over the last year."

"He continues to work and support his colleagues during the Covid-19 pandemic making sacrifices, along with almost all of his colleagues in the NHS, for the good of patients."

### Nine hour mountain rescue assisted by MBF funded drone



At the end of 2019 the MBF awarded £71,765 to the Lake District Mountain Search & Rescue for the purchase of 'Drone' packages to more effectively search for those in need. The charity covers the whole of the Cumbria area and the application was initiated by the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

You can watch how the story unfolded in this video.



<https://youtu.be/54vFPnVpbS4>

## 2021 Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament

On Sunday, 18 July 2021, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex hosted the annual Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament at Radlett Cricket Club, Cobden Hill, Radlett.



This yearly competition and family day brings together teams and supporters from the Mark Provinces of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex with each taking it in turns to host the day. This year it was the turn of the Mark Province of Middlesex. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond their control the Sussex team were unable to attend.

The 2020 tournament was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic so it was especially good to meet up again in the glorious sunshine to enjoy an excellent day's cricket. The Surrey supporters were there in force to support the Provincial team, resplendent in their 2022 MBF Festival polo shirts.



The day saw some entertaining matches. Surrey played well under the captaincy of Kirstin, the Goddaughter of W. Bro. David Lawrence, who played some enthusiastic cricket.



But despite the best efforts of Surrey XI, who kindly contributed this article, they finished in third place.



Congratulations to all involved, such a superb effort all round.



In the final, for the Norman Todd Cup, the Middlesex XI batted first and set Kent a challenging target. This proved too much for Kent who had to settle for second place meaning that Middlesex were crowned champions for a further year.



Thanks must go to R.W.Bro. Eddie Garty, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Middlesex, and his team for organising a most enjoyable day. Likewise, thanks are extended to the players, umpires, sponsors, and to everyone who attended, for their continued support of this annual event.

A big thank-you from all of us in Surrey to Kirstin who received a special award as the best fielder.





The proceeds of the day will help to swell the 2022 Mark Benevolent Fund Festival which is being hosted by Surrey culminating in a Festival Celebration Dinner on Saturday, 2 July 2022, at the Copthorne Effingham Park Hotel, Gatwick.

Click [here](#)<sup>2</sup> to view the a slideshow of all the photographs from the Mark Inter Provincial Cricket Tournament

*Article and Photos by Chris Eley*

## Essex Mark Masons enjoy their first meeting after easing of restrictions



*1 - Bro. Mark Dredge with the Advancing Master, V.W.Bro. David Garston*

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<sup>2</sup>[http://www.kentmarkmastermasons.org.uk/news\\_0321-02.html](http://www.kentmarkmastermasons.org.uk/news_0321-02.html)

The first meeting in Essex after the lifting of restrictions was a special occasion. Centurion Lodge met on Tuesday, 20 July where they had an Advancement Ceremony.

Nothing special there, except the candidate was personally introduced to the Lodge by R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern, Provincial Grand Master, who proceeded to act as Senior Deacon for the Ceremony.

You can read the full story on the Essex Mark website Here<sup>3</sup>

With thanks to W.Bro. Steve Joslin, P.Prov.A.G.D.C., Essex.



*2 - Bro. Mark Dredge with the evening's Senior Deacon, R.W.Bro. Terence Sheern, Prov.G.M.*

## **K.T. Provincial Priory of Middlesex Virtual Business Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Priory of Middlesex was held as a Virtual Business Meeting on Wednesday, 7 July 2021. In attendance was the M.E. & S. Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T., and R.E.Kt. Ryan Williams, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor. Also present was R.E.Kt. Graham Flight, G.C.T. and R.E.Kt. Trevor Gulliver, K.C.T.

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.essexmark.co.uk/centurion-mark-meeting.html>



The Provincial Prior for Middlesex, R.E.Kt. John Roberts, declared the meeting open after which the Grand Master provided an overview of the difficulties the Order had faced and how magnificently it had responded. He was grateful for the wonderful work that had continued to take place and for the support of all the Provincial Priors and their executives. The Grand Master added that on this occasion the Great Vice-Chancellor would provide a more detailed, complimentary, overview.



The Provincial Prior congratulated those Knights he had re-appointed, appointed or promoted. He added that he greatly missed the opportunity to attend face-to-face meetings. But he acknowledged the important role video conferencing had played in maintaining friendships and ensuring the administrative wheels of the Province had kept turning.

The Provincial Prior added that he was delighted by how the members had supported each other, continued to support the Eye Hospital at Jerusalem and the great resilience they had shown in such challenging circumstances.

The Great Vice-Chancellor, R.E.Kt. Ryan Williams thanked the Province for the opportunity to address the meeting and likewise referred to the difficult challenges the Order had faced. His detailed overview included an analysis of the effects of the pandemic and the ways in which the Order had adapted and the improvements that had been made. The Great Vice-Chancellor reported that a blueprint was in place that would provide the platform to support the Order in its return to a new 'normal'.



The Provincial Prior, thanked everyone for attending and said he hoped to see everyone face -to-face later in the year and he then declared the meeting closed.

*With thanks to E.Kt. Terry O'Neill, P.Gt.Her., Prov.Vice-Chan.*

## **K.T. Provincial Priory of Warwickshire's Annual Church Service**



The third Sunday in July marks the annual family church service held at St Mary's Church, Temple Balsall, Warwickshire; the spiritual home of the Provincial Priory of Warwickshire.

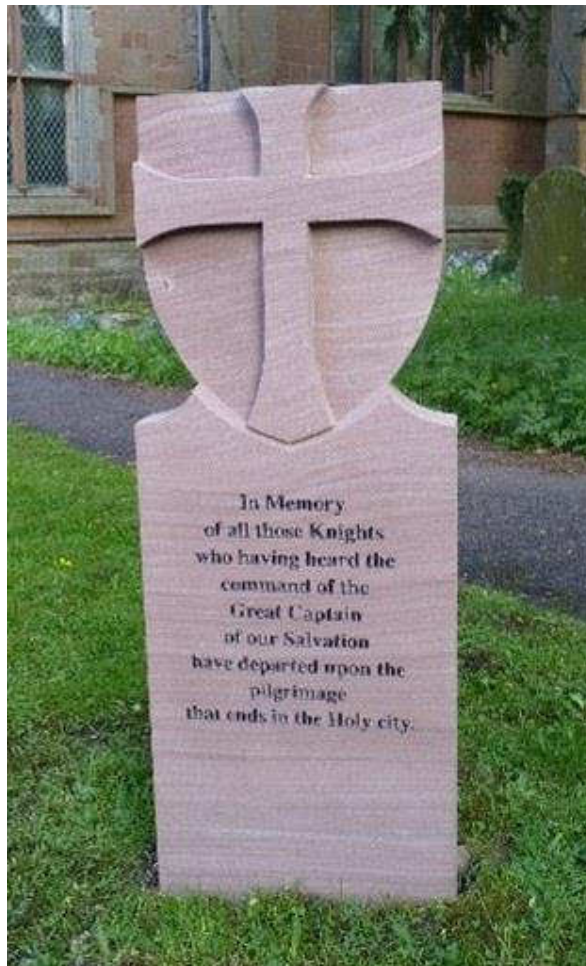
As you can see from the archive photograph it is a grand affair that would have been preceded by a luncheon and concluding with tea and cakes on the vicarage lawn.

For the second year we have had to content ourselves with a virtual 'Reflective' act of worship. It is lead by the Rev. Kathy Lloyd Roberts, who gives the Order unstinting support and her Lay Reader, E.Kt. Denis Plater, the Provincial Prelate. A most important part of the proceedings is to remember those brethren called by The Great Captain of Our Salvation at a memorial stone laid by the Province in the church grounds.

The service can be found by Clicking Here<sup>4</sup>

Once again I invite the Knights Templar Family across all the Provinces, and members of other 'Orders,' to join us in this short but important act of worship.

R.E.Kt. Roger Dixon, Provincial Prior.



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<sup>4</sup><https://adilo.bigcommand.com/watch/An07ix0R>

## Across Social Media

On Facebook - Mark Master Masons of Spain prepare to resume meetings



Click Here<sup>5</sup> to watch our video for return planning

On Twitter - PGL Essex have their checklist ready

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1417736404117987331>

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<sup>5</sup>[http://sociedadcompas.com/uploads/1/3/3/9/133988370/sociedad\\_compas\\_published\\_status\\_at\\_15-07-21\\_website\\_version\\_reduced\\_288p30\\_.m4v](http://sociedadcompas.com/uploads/1/3/3/9/133988370/sociedad_compas_published_status_at_15-07-21_website_version_reduced_288p30_.m4v)



And, a triple Initiation at MMH

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1418332881164726273>

## 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 Secretariat<sup>6</sup> - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page<sup>7</sup>

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall<sup>8</sup>

Or you can email us at [communications@mmh.org.uk](mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk)<sup>9</sup>

## 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 Secretary 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 Council 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 Council Tuesday, 12 October (moved from July 2021)</p>	 <p>Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Masons Tuesday, 7 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 Here](#)<sup>10</sup> 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.uk](mailto:ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk)<sup>11</sup>

<sup>6</sup><https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

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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 Here<sup>12</sup> 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



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For a text donation, you will be charged for one standard text message plus your donation of £20. Always get the text 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 Priory Registered Charity No. 281942). Text donation helpline: 020 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 Surrey<sup>13</sup>

2023 West Yorkshire<sup>14</sup>

2024 Cheshire<sup>15</sup>

2025 Oxfordshire<sup>16</sup>

2026 Hampshire & IOW<sup>17</sup>

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

<sup>13</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2022-surrey-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>14</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2023-west-yorkshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form/viewdocument>

<sup>15</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2024-cheshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>16</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2025-oxfordshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>17</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2026-hants-iow-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

2027 Warwickshire<sup>18</sup>

2028 Somerset<sup>19</sup>

2030 Essex<sup>20</sup>

We are still awaiting stock of 2028 Somerset Jewels.

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.

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<sup>18</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2027-warwickshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>19</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2028-somerset-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>20</sup><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 Study<sup>21</sup> 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.

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<sup>21</sup><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

