



## Freemasonry@86 News - 3 September 2021



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## Progressive Orders Diary



**Below are some upcoming dates of event for our Grand teams in their respective Orders.**

You can find the calendar of the regular annual meetings of our Orders further down this newsletter.

**Tuesday, 7 September - Mark** Grand Lodge September Communication, F.M.H.

**Thursday, 9 September - Mark** Installation of V.W.Bro. Graham D. Seeman as Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire

**Thursday, 9 September - K.B.H.C.** Grand Priory, M.M.H.

**Friday, 10 September - K.T.** Installation of V.E.Kt. Allan Rosengren as Provincial Prior for the City and County of Bristol

**Saturday, 11 September - Mark** Pro Grand Master's visit to Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey

**Saturday, 11 September - Red Cross of Constantine** Consecration of The Metropolitan Conclave No. 533, M.M.H.

**Saturday, 18 September - Scarlet Cord** Confirmation in Office of R.Dist.Comp. K. Barry Chalkley as Provincial Grand Summus for Devon and Cornwall

**Tuesday 21, September - R.C.C.** Kent Division Golden Jubilee

**Wednesday, 22 September - O.S.M.** Confirmation in Office of R.Wy.Bro.John Whitfield as Prov.G.S.R. for Devonshire

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**Friday, 24 September - Mark** Installation of V.W.Bro. Peter David Williams as Provincial Grand Master for Kent

**Saturday, 25 September - Mark** Confirmation in Office of R.W.Bro. Raymond Arthur Walton as Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland

**Saturday, 25 September - R.C.C.** Confirmation in Office of R.III.Kt. Graham Edwin Williams as Intendant-General for West Lancashire

**Wednesday, 29 September - R.S.M.** Confirmation in Office of R.III.Comp. Bryan Hughes as District Grand Master for Cheshire and The Marches

**Wednesday, 29 September - Scarlet Cord** Consecration of St David Consistory No. 139, Cheshire and North Wales

## A new Provincial Prior for the Knights Templar Province of Hertfordshire



On Thursday, 2 September, The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T., was pleased to attend a meeting of the Provincial Priory of Hertfordshire to Install Alastair David White as Right Eminent Provincial Prior. Alastair is well known within the Province and the Order, having been Provincial Vice-Chancellor for Hertfordshire since 2015.

The Grand Master was accompanied by the V.H. & R.E. Great Seneschal and a full team of Great Priory Officers.

The Grand Master was pleased to be back in Hertfordshire, a Province he has a long association with, and in his address to the Knights present he recollected previous visits during the tenure of past Provincial Priors, as well as highlighting the leading lights within the Orders history after whom some of the Preceptories are named.

The meeting was very well attended with plenty of support from Knights of the Province, as well as visiting Provincial Priors, Sub-Priors, Vice-Chancellors and Knights of the Order.

At the meal following the meeting a very generous donation of £2,700 was given by the Province to the Grand Master for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

This was the first full team visit for the Knights Templar since pre-Covid times and it was very heartwarming to see the enthusiasm and usual esprit de corps amongst the Brother Knights present. It almost felt as if we'd never been away.

## The Royal and Select Masters gets the video treatment

On the first of September the Royal and Select Masters District of Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire released this video to raise awareness of the Order, timed to coincide with the lifting of the local suspension of the Order and the resumption of Council meetings.

The video highlights aspects of the Order and its links with the Craft, Royal Arch and Mark.



<https://youtu.be/qG4AemADol4>

## Family health and finance planning in Jamaica and Cayman Islands



The Mark District Grand Lodge of Jamaica and Cayman Islands is launching a series of online seminars highlighting family health and finance planning. As Masons and others try to navigate the many perils facing the world at this time, it is crucial that the stability of the family unit is strengthened.

The initiative is being driven by R.W.Bro. Linton Andres, Dist.G.M.

Titles include:

Health Screening and Immunization

Wills and Advanced Care Directives

Women's Health

Pensions and Investments

Prostate Health

Domestic Violence and Covid Related Stress

If you would like further information please email W.Bro. Dayton Wood, Dist.G.Sec. at [jcimarkdistrict45@gmail.com](mailto:jcimarkdistrict45@gmail.com)

## Kent Installed Commanders Lodge and Provincial Grand Assembly

The Installation meeting of the Kent Installed Commanders Lodge held on Friday, 27 August 2021 at the Maidstone Masonic Centre played host to the Kent Provincial Grand Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners, chaired by the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. Archibald Iain Torrance. This was a very special meeting as it was the last official duty of the Provincial Grand Master before he retires.

After the Lodge business had been taken care of, the Provincial Grand Master and members of the Provincial Executive entered and the Prov.G.M. occupied the Chair.



The Provincial Grand Master explained the purpose of the meeting and welcomed the visitors. After the Roll of Royal Ark Mariner Lodges within the Province was called the Provincial Grand Master presented lapel pins to the newly Elevated Brethren welcoming them into the Order. The recipients of Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank were then invested.

The Provincial Grand Master presented Festival President's Awards of silver goblets to representatives of four Mark and Royal Ark Mariners Lodges thanking them for their support in donating the highest total or donating the highest per capita.





He also presented a number of Festival Awards.



The Provincial Grand Master then addressed Provincial Grand Assembly. In his address he presented Patents of Appointment to W.Bro. Perri Ahmet as Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and W.Bros., David Stiff and Martyn Summers as Assistant Provincial Grand Master.



He also presented a Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master collarette to W.Bro. Ian Gallehawk thanking him for all he has done for the Province over a number of years. Unfortunately VW.Bro. Fred Brown, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was unable to attend so he will be presented with his collarette at a later date.

The Provincial Grand Master closed Provincial Grand Assembly and retired in procession with his Officers. After photographs and refreshments in the bar we sat down to a lovely meal at the Maidstone Masonic Centre.

In the reply to his toast the Provincial Grand Master thanked everyone for their support during his tenure as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Kent culminating with the Province and its many friends raising a record £2,057,000, and as a result qualifying as the very first MBF Grand Patron Diamond Province. A wonderful achievement.

At the end of his reply the Provincial Grand Master received a standing ovation – a fitting end to a very special day.

*Article and photos by Chris Eley*



## The Long Wait is Over!

For the brethren of Ailwyn Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.1871 in the Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire, Saturday the 21st August 2021 was a day for joy and celebration. For the youngest Mark Lodge within the Province it marked a return to a “real” meeting at The Abbey Rooms in Ramsey, Huntingdonshire.

The enjoyment was enhanced by two ceremonies, firstly the Advancement of Bro. Steve Corney into the Order by the W.M, W.Bro. Jeremy Allen and his team of Officers and secondly after a short Calling Off and Calling On, the Installation into the Chair of Adiniram of Bro. Bob Kelly, again amply undertaken by W.Bro Jeremy Allen and his team.

Bro. Steve, also known as Councillor Steve Corney, is the incumbent Mayor of Ramsey and a member of Ailwyn Craft Lodge, which also meets at the Abbey Rooms. His Proposer, W.Bro. David Cusworth is shown below welcoming Bro. Steve, complete with his mayoral chain of office, before his Advancement.



*1 - Left to right: W.Bro. Ian Michel, Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Brian Elliott, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Jeremy Allen, IPM and Installing Master, W.Bro. David Sowerby, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Bob Kelly, Worshipful Master, Bro. Steve Corney, Advancee, W.Bro. David Cusworth, Lodge Secretary and W.Bro. Mike Nixon, Lodge Director of Ceremonies.*

The day marked a number of celebratory “firsts” for Ailwyn Lodge. The new Worshipful Master being the first Advancee of the Lodge to gain the Master’s Chair since the Lodge was Consecrated in March 2006. It was also the first ever Dispensation issued to the Lodge by the Province to hold an Emergency meeting; the first official visit of W.Bro. David Sowerby, the new Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the first visit of Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Brian Elliott since being granted Honorary membership of the Lodge.

The day was successfully completed with 26 members and visitors enjoying each other’s company at a festive board lunch in the Abbey Rooms dining room.

Words and pictures courtesy of W.Bro. Brian Elliott, P.G.S.D.





2 - W.Bro. David Cusworth, P.G.Std.B., Lodge Secretary welcomes his candidate Steve Corney prior to his Advancement into the Lodge.



3 - W.Bro. Bob Kelly and his Officers depart the Lodge Room after his Installation into the Ailwyn Lodge Chair.

## Scarlet Cord three-day-event

This week Mark Masons' Hall played host to a three-day-event for the Scarlet Cord. On Wednesday, 1 September the Grand Summus was pleased to confer the 4th Grade on nearly 100 recipients, many of whom have been waiting at least eighteen months to receive this. And on Friday, 3 September a further 12 recipients received the 5th Grade.

Sandwiched between these two meetings was the postponed Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus on the Thursday. Companions of the Order from far and wide converged on M.M.H. to join the happy gathering and to share the excitement of those receiving honours.

For those unable to attend, the Grand Summus was pleased to record this video.



<https://youtu.be/RCuPrwqi04U>

## Staying with the Scarlet Cord... Scarlet Cord Alzheimer's Challenge

Phil Clare, the Provincial Grand Summus of Kent, has arranged an event to earn a coveted Scarlet Cord Medal. All you have to do is something that challenges yourself for an hour. You might like to swim, walk, run or cycle – it's up to you what you do.

I mentioned this to our Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, and we decided to go on a nice walk in the Oaks Park in Carshalton.



It was the perfect day for Arnold, Wally, and me to go for a walk, dry and not too hot.

To encourage us, and to ensure we stayed the course, we were accompanied by Brenda and Pippa.



After completing our walk, we all had coffee and cake at the Oaks Park Café. It was a lovely way to spend an afternoon, while at the same time raising funds for The Alzheimer's Society.

For more information on how you can take part see below. All moneys raised will be sent to The Alzheimer's Society. For more information email Phil Clare on [pc.clare@btinternet.com](mailto:pc.clare@btinternet.com)<sup>2</sup>.

*Article and photos by Chris Eley.*

A poster for the Scarlet Cord Challenge for Alzheimer's. The poster features a central title "Scarlet Cord Challenge for Alzheimer's" in red and black text. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text explaining the challenge: "Are you a budding Cape 'Tomb'? Can you help in the fight against Alzheimer's by taking part in an event to earn a coveted Scarlet Cord Medal? To gain your medal you will need to do something over the weekend of the 24th or 25th August that challenges yourself for an hour. It may be you swim, walk, run or cycle, we are all different so you tailor it to yourself. Please email me on [pc.clare@btinternet.com](mailto:pc.clare@btinternet.com) when you have paid with your full name & address... Good luck." Below this text, there is a small photo of a person swimming. To the right of the text, there is a blue star with the text "Donated to charity". At the bottom of the poster, there is a small photo of a person cycling. The poster also includes contact information for Phil Clare: "R.Dist Comm Phil Clare FGS Kent" and "All money raised will be sent to The Alzheimer's Society. Restricted to 250 people, entry fee £25.00 for UK participants £25 for rest of the world. Payment to locally Lodge of Mark Master Masons, 50m Cooks, 40-42-01, A/C 81584511. Non UK please pay via PayPal: [pc.clare@btinternet.com](mailto:pc.clare@btinternet.com)".

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## Meanwhile, in East Lancashire Scarlet Cord... A Most Worthy Visitor

East Lancashire and in particular Vale of Irwell Consistory No. 16 TI was very pleased to receive a visit from the Grand Summus Most Worthy Companion Ian Currans.

Ian was accompanied by Grand Director of Ceremonies Phillip Purvis and his personal bodyguard - The Grand Tzaddikim. A total of 40 companions were in attendance, joining the consistory members, Provincial Summi and visitors from far and wide - Scotland, Durham, Cornwall as well as a goodly number from the adjoining province of West Lancashire.

Ian's visit was in the main to complete some unfinished business going back to February when he 'Virtually' invested Allan Shields on a zoom type online meeting as the Provincial Grand Summus for the Province of East Lancashire. Today was his opportunity to personally present Allan with his chain and patent of office.

Allan was also the Vale of Irwell's President, well for now any way, as he greeted Ian following a spectacular procession into the lodge room via the Grand Tzaddikim standing on guard and accompanied by his team of Grand Officers

Allan offered Ian the gavel which was promptly accepted it in order to present him with his chain and patent of office which had been proffered up by two cushion bearers.

Following which Ian quickly placed Allan back in the President's chair, he must have known an installation was looming ahead!

Indeed it was and Allan then proceeded to install Chris Givvons as President in a fine ceremony with assistance from his Provincial DC and Consistory ADC Anthony Smith. Chris is the Deputy Supreme Ruler in East Lancashire OSM and with the Grand Summus watching on, no pressure then Allan!

Once the installation was completed Chris concluded all the outstanding business and appointed his officers for the year and closed the meeting.

The newly refurbished bar and dining room at Mill House, which is the new home for the consistory soon filled with the companions taking refreshment and enjoying a superbly prepared and served roast beef dinner.

Concluding a most enjoyable meeting with toasts and responses filled with the news of exiting times ahead for our order as well as thanks to those who had worked hard to make this occasion a success.





## And in the East Lancashire Allied Masonic Degrees...

Allied masonry resumed with the first meeting of Constitution Council No. 183 at Accrington with three very important ceremonies: an induction, and an installation as well as the confirmation on post of the new Deputy District Grand Prefect.

Council Master Richard Frazer-Bastable was the man to start things going by opening the council and welcoming the head of the order, District Grand Prefect Mervyn Wilson as the principal guest.

12 members were joined by six visitors some of whom were the acting officers of the year, all of whom were greeted warmly. Richard then handed the proceedings over to Graham Newton, who is the District Secretary to induct our latest recruit Mark Rowe in fine style and blowing away lock down cobwebs to deliver a great ceremony assisted by Bill Pickup who explained the St Lawrence Lecture to Mark perfectly.

Graham has acquired some pretty impressive 'pull up' banners which illustrate perfectly the history of the Order, the degree as well as the other four making up the order. The banner was proudly on display as the brethren entered the festive board room and bar.

One down two to go as Richard resumed his rightful place in the chair to install his successor as master, David Sharpe. David is an experienced mason who enjoyed this very special ceremony which was well worked most sincerely by Richard.

And finally.... Part three commenced when Mervyn rose and requested that Peter Hegarty was presented to him for his long awaited chance to invest him with his collaret as his Deputy.

Peter has been in office since May 2019 but the suspension due to covid had prevented his confirmation taking place until now. Peter received a round of applause following his confirmation and warm welcome to the team by Mervyn.



Jobs done David Sharpe closed the council and it was off to the bar for a catch up and a superb buffet festive board.

During the meal Mervyn updated every one with all the good news surrounding the Allied Masonic degrees in East Lancashire which include the District meeting Saturday 11th September and the re launch of Shuttleworth Council later that month on the 25th, this website will contain all the details needed to book in to the great events coming soon.

It also gave the latest recruit Mark a chance to meet and chat with the members of his new lodge and following a toast made to welcome him, he thanked everyone for a warm introduction to our most interesting order.

Both stories courtesy of Allan Shields, Provincial Grand Summus.



*4 - Members of the Council with the new W.M.*



*5 - Members and visitors*



*6 - Mervyn Wilson (left) congratulated Peter Hegarty*



*7 - District Grand Prefect Mervyn Wilson (chain) and Peter Hegarty (Dep. Dist. G. Pref. right) with (left) Graham Newton (Prov. G. Sec.) Richard Frazer Bastable and the candidate Mark Rowe*





#### **East Lancashire Hospice - £7000**

*Nominated by* – Starkie Lodge No 159, Perseverance Lodge No 403, Lancastrians Lodge No 689, Priory Lodge No 693, Keep Lodge No 911, Adoniram Lodge No 1065 and The Darwen Lodge No 1327.



#### **Springhill Hospice - £5000**

*Nominated by* – Roberts Lodge No 24 TI, Temperance Lodge No 56, Fabric Lodge No 939, Integrity Lodge No 1369 and The Rugby Football Lodge No 1965.



### **Willow Wood Hospice - £11000**

*Nominated by – Skelmersdale Lodge No 141, County Palatine Lodge No 156, Manchester Keystone*

Lodge No 745, Semper Paratus Lodge No 852, Salford, Lodge No 994, Gorton Lodge No 1034, Ardwick Lodge No 1222, Lodge of Good Report Lodge No 1309, Mossley Lodge No 1381, Stanley Lodge No 1454 and Progress Lodge No 1577.



### **Francis House Hospice - £2000**

*Nominated by – The University of Manchester Lodge No 1001 and Arnold Moreton Lodge No 1649.*





### **St Ann's Hospice - £4000**

*Nominated by* – St Andrew's Lodge No 34, Manchester Engineers Lodge No 1059, White Stone Lodge No 1080 and Thomas Sharples Barlow Lodge No 1383.



### **Bolton Hospice - £5000**

*Nominated by* – St John's TI, East Lancashire Provincial Grand Officers Lodge No 990, Supera Moras Lodge No 1042 and FW Broadbent Lodge No 1132.



### **Bury Hospice - £4000**

*Nominated by* – William Romaine Callender Lodge No 136, Wike Lodge No 142, Constitution Lodge No 949 and Secretarius Lodge No 1932.



### **Rossendale Hospice - £5000**

*Nominated by* – Rectitude Lodge No 18, Union Lodge No 32, East Lancashire Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No 1272, Turton Lodge No 1300 and The George Farnworth Nuttall Lodge No 1404.



### **Dr Kershaw's Hospice - £7000**

*Nominated by* – Faith Lodge No 20, Union Lodge No 171, Goulburn Lodge No 680, Rose of York Lodge No 1010, Middleton Lodge No 1303, Friendship Lodge No 1459 and Cornerstone Lodge No 1716.



## Essex

Thanks to the Capital Grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund to honour the life of The Duke of Edinburgh, the Province of Essex were able to present cheques to 8 Hospice's totaling £48,000.

The full story written by Roy Kaye can be found on the link Here<sup>3</sup>



W.Bro. Richard Goodwin APGM, W.Bro. Geoff Newman, Almoner for Crowstone Lodge, W.Bro. Roy Kaye, Provincial Grand Almoner and Steve Smith CEO Havens and Little Havens

## Somerset

On 26 August four masked Somerset Brethren arrived at Children's Hospice South West to present two cheques. The first for £5,000 was from five Somerset Lodges who allocated their £1,000 MBF grants to CHSW. The second for £28,000 was the total amount the charity has received from the MBF via Lodges in the Provinces of Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire and Somerset.

Provincial Grand Master, Phil Voisey, along with Worshipful Brothers Marshall Westley, Steve McNaughton and James Tonkin presented cheques to Paul Mundy from the charity Children's Hospice South West at the Charlton Farm Hospice, Wraxall, Somerset.

<sup>3</sup><https://www.essexmark.co.uk/mbf-capital-grant-cheque-presentation.html>



## Allied Awareness



On Thursday, 23 September at 8 p.m., the District of London Allied Masonic Degrees will be holding an awareness evening via Zoom.

Are you a Mark Mason and Companion of the Royal Arch?

Would you like to learn more about the Allied Masonic Degrees?

Then come and join us at our Awareness Evening. It is free to register and will last around 1 hour.

Similarly if you are already a member of an AMD Council and you know of any Brother, who may be interested in finding out more about our unique Order, or indeed have candidates already lined up who may wish to find out a little bit more about the Order, then please encourage them to come along. Existing AMD members are also encouraged to attend with those that they do invite.

The evening will be hosted by our District Grand Prefect R.W.Bro. Colin Woodcock, *MBE*, ably assisted by other members of the District. The evening will cover a number of subjects aiming to give attendees an insight into the Order.

- Brief History of the Order and the District
- The 5 Degrees
- The Councils
- Membership Engagement

- Q&A

To register please Click Here<sup>4</sup> then complete and submit the form.

Richard Criddle, A.Dist.G.Sec.

## Across Social Media

On Facebook <sup>5</sup>- The Mark Province of Warwickshire make a further five Major Capital Grant donations

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<sup>4</sup><https://amdondon.org/component/formmaker/?view=formmaker&id=36>

<sup>5</sup><https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall>



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And, the Sussex Mark golf day goes with a swing



The Sussex Craft Provincial Grand Master's Golf Day, held on Friday, 27 August at the testing Mannings Heath Golf Course, saw a large field of golfers from across the Province raise over £5500 for Provincial funds. The Mark Degree entered a team and sponsored the signature 10th hole. Whilst the golf wasn't quite up to standard, great fun was had by the intrepid team of Mike Sayer, Ivor Bennett, Adrian Verco and David Dumigan. Adrian did, however, win a nearest the pin prize for the team. Moreover, funds were raised for the Province and the Magic of the Mark Degree were advertised.

Photo courtesy of Mike Alderson

On Twitter<sup>6</sup> - The Mark Province of Kent also make a Major Capital Grant donation  
<http://twitter.com/statuses/1433775205189554182>

And, Staffordshire and Shropshire Mark are also in the spirit of giving

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1433791606679908356>

## 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:

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<sup>6</sup><https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

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Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall<sup>9</sup>

Or you can email us at [communications@mmh.org.uk](mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk)<sup>10</sup>

## Calendar of Annual Meetings

 Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus M.M.H., Thursday, 2 September (moved from May 2021) Ref: 30.00; Start: 12.30; Day: 2.45; Eve: 4.15	 Annual Meeting of Grand Council F.M.H., Tuesday, 20 October Ref: 15.30; Start: 5.15; Day: 5.00; Eve: 4.30
 Quarterly Communication of Mark Masons' Hall F.M.H., Tuesday, 7 September Ref: 13.30; Start: 1.30; Day: 4.30; Eve: 6.00	 Annual Convocation of Grand Council F.M.H., Thursday, 11 November Ref: 16.00; Start: 12.30; Day: 5.00; Eve: 4.25
 Annual Meeting of Grand Priory M.M.H., Thursday, 6 September Ref: 1.00; Start: 1.00; Day: 1.30; Eve: 5.00	 Annual Chapter of Grand Priory of Malta F.M.H., Tuesday, 16 November Ref: 16.30; Start: 12.30; Day: 5.30; Eve: 5.00
 Annual Assembly of Grand Imperial Councils M.M.H., Tuesday, 12 October (moved from July 2021) Ref: 30.00; Start: 11.30; Day: 1.30; Eve: 5.00	 Annual Assembly of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Maltese F.M.H., Tuesday, 7 December Ref: 2.00; Start: 4.20; Day: 6.45; Eve: 8.20

Detailed Timings can be found Here<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>11</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mmm-downloads/grand-meetings-calendar-2021/viewdocument>

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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>14</sup>

2023 West Yorkshire<sup>15</sup>

2024 Cheshire<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>14</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2022-surrey-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>15</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2023-west-yorkshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form/viewdocument>

<sup>16</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2024-cheshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

2025 Oxfordshire<sup>17</sup>

2026 Hampshire & IOW<sup>18</sup>

2027 Warwickshire<sup>19</sup>

2028 Somerset<sup>20</sup>

2030 Essex<sup>21</sup>

The stock of 2028 Somerset Jewels has now been delivered to Mark Masons' Hall.

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>17</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2025-oxfordshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>18</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2026-hants-iow-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>19</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2027-warwickshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>20</sup><https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2028-somerset-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

<sup>21</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>22</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>22</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

