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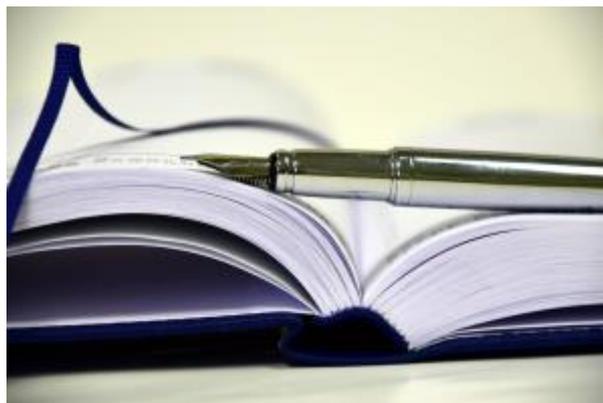
Welcome to your news and information update for the 'Progressive Orders of Freemasonry' administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street.

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Progressive Orders Diary



Below are some upcoming dates of events 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, 14 June - Mark Dover & Cinque Ports Lodge of M.M.M. Centenary, Province of Kent

Wednesday 15th June – O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Cheshire & North Wales

Thursday, 16 June - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Stephen Lee, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire

Monday, 20 June - Mark Stony Gate Lodge of M.M.M. No. 751 Centenary, Province of Leicestershire and Rutland

Thursday, 23 June - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Keith David Bristow, P.G.S.D., as Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire

Saturday, 2 July - Mark M.B.F. Festival hosted by the Mark Province of Surrey at Brighton

Tuesday, 5 July - R.C.C. Annual Assembly of Grand Imperial Conclave, Freemasons' Hall London

A Magic Mark Investiture Meeting



It was heartwarming to see the Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall so full at Tuesday's Mark Annual Investiture Meeting, the first since 2019.

Most Worshipful Brother Raymond John Smith, Pro Grand Master was presiding and opened the meeting, welcoming Brethren who had travelled from far and wide to attend and support their friends receiving Active Grand Rank or first appointment to Past Grand Rank.

Although the reading of the names of some of those Grand Officers who the Great Overseer of the Universe has called to higher service is always a sad occasion, this year was especially poignant following the loss of our Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, to whom the Pro Grand Master paid a personal and warm tribute before indicating that the Assistant Grand Master's Chair had been left empty as a sign of respect.

After most of the administrative business had been carried out it was time to Proclaim the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother HRH Prince Michael of Kent, *GCMG*. This fell to the Grand Director of Ceremonies designate, Christopher Davies, who wasted no time stamping his authority on proceedings, delivering the Proclamation in a very impressive manner. Chris is well known to many as the Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Order of the Secret Monitor and we wish him well in this new role.



The Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, and the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, here then re-appointed and proclaimed.

Then came the appointment, obligation, investiture, installation and proclamation of the new Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer. Frank is another well known face, being the outgoing Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Order (and Past Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire) and Deputy Grand Summus of the Scarlet Cord.



Following this, over 300 recipients of Grand Rank were appointed and invested. Our congratulations to all of you. We hope you each enjoy your new Rank.

A few more items of admin were then dealt with before the Pro Grand Master addressed the Brethren. In his speech he reminded Brethren that our Grand Master, Prince Michael of Kent, will not only celebrate his eightieth birthday in July of this year, but is also celebrating 40 years as our Grand Master. We hope to welcome the Grand Master at the September meeting.

Following the return to Mark Masonry and having caught up with most of the outstanding business put on hold during the Covid pandemic, the time is now right to turn our attention to welcoming more Brethren into our wonderful and friendly Degree. The Pro Grand Master announced a new initiative entitled 'The Magic of The Mark' which was being launched that afternoon.

Each person dining in the Connaught Rooms after the meeting would find on their place setting a business card with a QR code and a website link that would take them to a new information video aimed at Freemasons yet to discover The Magic of The Mark. This can be shared with anyone who may be interested in joining the Mark. The video has been put together by the Recruitment, Retention and Reinvigoration Working Party with invaluable input from the Mark Province of West Yorkshire.

Here's the video:



Next came the welcome to all the Brethren who were visiting from foreign Constitutions and Districts Overseas. We always enjoy good support from these travelling Brethren but special mention must be made to the 83 Brethren of the Inspectorate of Romania, led by their Grand Inspector, V.W.Bro. Cristian Mihutoiu.



It was then time to close Grand Lodge and retire to dinner where over 800 Brethren had booked in to dine. Our thanks to all the team who made this meeting run so smoothly, both in Freemasons' Hall and in the Grand Connaught Rooms.

We look forward to being back in September.



You can find an album of photographs from the meeting by [Clicking Here](#)

With thanks to V.W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, P.G.S.O., and V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O., for being on hand with their cameras to record the event for us.



Thomas Firth Jackson 50 years in the Mark



1 - R.W.Bro. Tom with leaders of the Mark Degree

On the 20th May 2022, the Mark Province of West Lancashire was honoured with a visit by The Pro Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Raymond John Smith who was attending The Lawrence Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The Lawrence Mark Lodge were meeting to celebrate 50 years of

Mark Masonry in Lawrence Mark Lodge, of Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Firth Jackson Past Grand Junior Warden.

The Lodge was opened at 6.00 p.m. by The Lodge Worshipful Master and after the usual preliminaries, and on a report, The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Brother Keith Alan Beardmore was escorted into the lodge room. He was welcomed into the Lodge by The Worshipful Master and offered the gavel which on this occasion he graciously accepted. After the salutations and on another report The Pro Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Raymond John Smith was escorted into the Lodge with The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Standard Bearer. He was welcomed by The Provincial Grand Master and escorted to his seat and was then afforded salutations to which he suitably responded.



2 - Heads of Orders with Provincial and District Grand Masters

Prior to the main item on the agenda, due to the untimely passing to the Grand Lodge above, a Memoriam for Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison Assistant Grand Master was observed. The Brethren stood in respect of departed merit.



The Lodge was called off to allow non-Mark Master Masons (for the moment) to enter the Lodge and join the celebration of the celebrant, who of course is well known in Chorley Masonic Hall. The Provincial Grand Master asked for Right Worshipful Brother Jackson P. G. J. W to be presented to him. The Provincial Grand Master invited Brother Jackson to occupy the Master's Chair and was escorted to the West from where he prefers to deliver the address, this being his idea as a better

situation than the celebrant sitting in front of the Master's Pedestal with the Brethren looking at the back of the celebrant's head. Over halfway through the address Brother Jackson said "That's enough" but before acceding to his request the Provincial Grand Master had to mention that Brother Jackson is The Most Worshipful Grand Master over the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas. A certificate was read from Provincial Grand Lodge congratulating Brother Jackson on achieving 50 years in Mark masonry. Right Worshipful Brother Jackson vacated the Master's Chair and The Provincial Grand Master re-occupied it.



Two Chairs were placed in the middle of the Lodge, one facing North and one South, and the Pro Grand Master invited Brother Jackson to join him where they sat opposite each other and commenced an interesting and at times witty resumé of Brother Jackson's life; sort of 'Head-to-Head.' Before returning to his seat The Pro Grand Master said he happened to have a communication for Brother Jackson and invited him to read it aloud. Brother Jackson said he only needs to read 'Promotion to Senior Grand Warden.' The Brethren received that terrific news with acclamation.



3 - Tom shares refreshment with his surgeon and local Mark Brother Dr Joe Sudhaka

When the non-Mark Master Masons retired from the temple the Lodge was called on and The Pro Grand Master retired in processional order. The Provincial Grand Master invited the Lodge Worshipful Master to re-occupy the Master's Chair and then himself retired from the Lodge, again in processional order. The Worshipful Master closed the Lodge with the singing of the National Anthem.





After the excellent work in the Lodge the Brethren repaired to the bar / lounge for an aperitif before being called to dinner. At the festive board the Brethren partook of a rather splendid three course dinner. The usual toasts were well delivered and the responses well received. Brother Jackson was at his best with a witty response as he usually is. As they say all good things come to an end and as the brethren made their way homeward all conversations must have been what an excellent night of Mark Masonry, particularly for Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Firth Jackson Senior Grand Warden (Designate).

Words and photographs by W.Bro. Ernie Gavan, P.G.St.B.

150 Years of The Whitwell Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 151

Whitwell Lodge
of
Mark Master Masons, No.151



Is proud to celebrate its
Sesquicentenary
May 1872—May 2022
150 Years
Date of Warrant 19th April 1872
Date of Consecration 23rd May 1872

Photo's from the Evening



R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master, enjoyed a splendid evening at the Sesquicentenary meeting of The Whitwell Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 151 at Maryport, Cumberland and Westmorland on Thursday 26 May 2022. He was delighted to be joined at the meeting by M.W.Bro. John Hale, Past Pro Grand Master, a Maryport resident, who was advanced into the Lodge on 22 March 1956 and who was later Installed as Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland on 22 May 1984.



4 - Members of The Whitwell Lodge No. 151



5 - V.W.Bro Douglas Graham Sanderson, A.Prov.G.M., M.W.Bro. John Hale, Past Pro Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson, Prov.G.M., R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master, V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, Dep.Prov.G.M., W.Bro. Howard Leslie Smith, A.G.D.C.



6 - 20 Members and 50 Friends attended the Festive Board





7 - R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson, Prov.G.M., with R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master



8 - M.W.Bro. John Hale, Past Pro Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson, Prov.G.M., and R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, Deputy Grand Master

A brace of half centuries at Bronte Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 535



It was a fabulous night at Bronte Lodge of R.A.M. on Thursday 19 May 2022. The meeting was to celebrate not only the Lodge being consecrated 50 years ago, the actual date being 10 September 1971, but also to celebrate and present Worshipful Brother Keith Hardwick Trott certificates for 50 years being a Royal Ark Mariner, actually being Elevated on 29 October 1971. The Lodge was opened in the usual manner after which the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. James Steggles, G.M.R.A.C., entered and was offered the gavel naturally in Italian by the Worshipful Commander W.Bro. Enrico A. Venettuoli. R.W.Bro. Jim clearly understood what W.Bro. Enrico had said as he briefly took the gavel and quickly returned it saying in perfect English he really was looking forward to an excellent evening.

Worshipful Brother John Sharman then read the minutes of the consecration meeting from 1971. The then Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Carl Whitehead, performed the consecration and the then Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Brother John Stanley Richardson, installed the Commander designate, Worshipful Brother Albert Connolly. W.Bro. Keith who was a very young founding member then gave a short history of the Lodge. R.W.Bro. Jim then

presented a 50-year Celebratory Warrant to W.Bro. Enrico and gave his many congratulations to the Lodge.

R.W.Bro. Jim then stood and gave a brief background to life in 1970/71. Edward Heath was the Prime Minister, Richard Nixon the President of the U.S.A., the Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet took its first maiden flight, the Twin Towers were completed, petrol was at 33p a gallon, a pint of beer just 20p, and the average price of a house being £5000 to name but a few.

W.Bro. Keith then joined him on the floor, and they talked about his very busy life and the love and respect that people had for him. He had been initiated into the craft in 1963 and, held high rank in Craft, Chapter and many other orders. He had also been a founding member and President of the B&D.I.M.A. He had trained as an electrical engineer but actually worked in mechanical design and eventually became sales and marketing director of the Rustless Iron Co.Ltd. in Keighley. They talked about his wife Pat who he married in 1955 and had been together for 47 years and the wonderful support she had given him. Other things they talked about were his membership of Keighley Lions for over 60 years where he had been President twice. And him being appointed director of Keighley and District Association for the Blind now called Sight Airedale. A very busy man to say the least!

W. Bro.Keith was then presented with a Grand Lodge 50 year certificate by his very close friend Worshipful Brother John Boocock and then being presented with a Provincial Grand Lodge 50 year certificate by R.W.Bro. Jim.

All business being dealt with the Lodge was closed and the Brethren retired to a fabulous festive board. Various toasts were given with Bro. Billy Light leading the way, liking R.W.Bro. Jim to Roy Castle in that he had dedication and was a record breaker! R.W.Bro. Jim responded saying Bro. Billy would indeed go far! Going on to talk about the Festival and the final push needed. Tickets for the Festival Finale on Saturday 1 July 2023 would go on sale this coming 4 July 2022. Brethren it will be a fabulous event. Book early!

The toast to the founding members was of course given by W.Bro. Keith who mentioned those wonderful founders – 17 in total and how far Bronte had come in that time. Worshipful Brother Stephen Wood as is tradition as the Commander of The Carl Whitehead Lodge No. 110 gave a toast to R.W.Bro. Carl Whitehead. W.Bro. Steve of course supplying the port.

A fabulous evening. And as Bro.Billy said in his toast to the visitors, Bronte Lodge look forward to and always welcome visitors both old and new.

With thanks to W.Bro. Andrew Johnson, Communications Manager





The oldest Mark and RAM Lodges in New Zealand resume work



On 25 May 2022, the District Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Farouk Khan, was delighted to preside at back to back meetings at which Lewis Lodge of M.M.M. No. 49 and Lebanon Lodge of R.A.M. No. 49 resumed work and a new Master and a new Commander were installed.

The Lewis Lodge No. 49 started working in New Zealand in 1872 in Greymouth on the West Coast of the South Island, having previously met briefly in Melbourne, Australia. Faced with closure in Greymouth, due to the depressed local economy and shrinking population, in 1999 the Lodges moved to Auckland where they met briefly as daylight lodges for older Brethren until going into abeyance in 2018.

With a resurgence of the English Craft in Auckland, there was increased interest in the Mark and the opportunity was seized to re-open the Lodges with the aim of appealing to the newer, younger members of the Craft. Both Lodges already have candidates.

The opening was attended by not only by senior members of the District but also by representatives of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapters of New Zealand and Ireland.

With thanks to W.Bro. Tony Mansfield, P.A.G.D.C., Dep.Dist.G.M.

A new Prov.G.M. for the Mark province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire



At their annual meeting on the 31st May, Gloucester and Herefordshire welcomed their new Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Brian Gargett, seen above with the Pro Grand Master. Brian went on to appoint W.Bro. Mike Parkin (below, right) as his Deputy.

The G.D.C., R.W.Bro. Frank Spencer, officiated, possibly his last appearance in that role before being invested as the Assistant Grand Master at Tuesday's meeting of Grand Lodge.

With thanks to W.Bro. Andy Fautley, P.A.G.St.B., Provincial Grand Secretary



Essex return to Felsted



The Mark Province of Essex held its first physical annual meeting since 2019 on Wednesday, 1 June, which was attended by over 270 Mark Men.

They were honoured with many special guests, including R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, President of the MBF accompanied by V.W.Bro. Jerry Gangadeen and his famous rum cake.

The full report on the day can be read [here](#) including details of how the cake raised £400 for our festival.

With thanks to W.Bro. Geoff Waddoups, Prov.G.S.D.

Confirmation in Office of R.E.Kt. Richard Francis Micklefield as the Provincial Prior for Dorset and Wiltshire



What a great day was had by all, When on 28 March. R.E.Kt. Richard Francis Micklefield was confirmed as the Provincial Prior for Dorset and Wiltshire by the M.E. & S. Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T.

The meeting was well attended and well supported by Knights of the Province, and visiting Knights and R.E.Kt's from all over the country.

In the short ceremony R.E.Kt. Richard F. Micklefield was presented, proclaimed and was invested as Provincial Prior of Dorset & Wiltshire.

The Grand Master also greeted and invested those Knights who had received Great Rank in 2020 and 2021 but were unable to go to Great Priory due to the pandemic.

This also included R.E.Kt. Peter Davies, P.Prov.Prior of Devonshire and Cornwall, who during the lockdown received the honour of K.C.T. He also was duly presented, proclaimed, invested & pledged his homage and fealty.

The Grand Master was supported by his team who couldn't fail to enjoy the day at Portland in Dorset, where we were blessed with some glorious weather, and all were wined and dined in fine style.

With thanks to E.Kt. Brian F. Amos, P.Gt.A. -de-C., Prov.Vice-Chan.



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel



At was a special meeting of Dr. James Edward Glover Conclave, which also featured a Provincial Team visit, saw the Arch of Steel invested by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Christian A. Givvons.

It had been talked about for many years that the Province of the size of East Lancashire should be able to boast an Arch of Steel and when Christian took over the Province last October he decided that the time was now and the plans were put in place .

The Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers Arch of Steel acts like a 'bodyguard' to the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and escorts him on his official visits in the Province. When he enters a Conclave they perform a guard of Honour for him to process in to the temple under the the Arch made by the sword of the team.

The team Commander is Wy.Bro. Shaun Higson who is not new to this role as he is also the Commander of the Grand Supreme Rulers Arch of Steel and many will have seen him on duty when M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney attends a meeting.

He also has a Deputy Commander who is Bro. Lee Gridley along with some other big names who I sure you will recognise from the photograph. Bro. Paul A. Renton who many of you will know from the various high offices he holds in Freemasonry like the Deputy Grand Superintendent for our sister Province of West Lancashire. Also Bro. Peter Hegarty who you will recognise as the Chairman for the Salford District of Lodges and Chapters along with Bro. Donald Atkinson, Bro. Ivor Emo, Bro. Alan Ogden and Bro. Callum Mulhearn.

The team would not be complete without an AoS Recorder and that task is in the very capable hands of Wy.Bro. Craig Wood.

They all performed excellently on the evening and I am sure you will agree when you see them on duty throughout the year especially at the Annual Provincial Meeting on Saturday, 29 October 2022.

Pictured L-R are Bro. Lee Gridley, Bro. Peter Hegarty, Wy. Bro. Shaun Higson, R. Wy. Bro. Christian A. Givvons, Bro. Ivor Emo, Bro. Paul A. Renton and Bro. Donald Atkinson.

With thanks to Wy. Bro. Paul Joynson, G. Stwd., Prov. G. Rec., East Lancashire

Getting down to work straight away



The newly installed Prov. G.S.R. of the O.S.M. for Channel Islands, R. Wy. Bro. Mike Le Conte, presents a cheque to Tina Lister of the Relate charity. The money raised by the brethren and match funded will be used in their work with clients across the Channel Islands.

As Mike arrived to present the cheque their photocopier gave up the ghost so perfect timing.

With thanks to Wy. Bro. Chris Base, P. G. Swd. B., Prov. G. Rec.

A4S - Bedford Youth Charity Awarded £20,456 by MBF



Representatives of the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford joined Mark Masons' Hall's Charities Manager at the A4S charity (Angling for Success – also known as ProgressAbility.org) based in Bedford.

The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund awarded £20,456 to the charity for a vehicle to collect children from their homes in the surrounding counties and get them to the Bedford based centre and other activity centres. Many of these families do not have their own transport and rely heavily on the services the charity provides. A4S offers the provision of educational, training, mentoring and counselling services for those of all ages and backgrounds within the surrounding areas who have need of such facilities by reason of their social and economic circumstances. The centre in Bedford currently has 27 students attending mainly one day every week, for up to 10 weeks. Offering courses in angling and fish care, woodwork and carpentry, cooking and camping, each student is coached by highly professional and qualified staff. Professional qualifications can even be achieved by the students.

Pictured with Graham Wilson – A4S Operations & Finance Manager are W.Bro. David Snape, P.G.S.D., Assistant Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Tom Davison, Provincial Assistant Grand Charity Steward, W.Bro. Simon Harker, Almoner of Ferrers Lodge 1341, and W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager at MMH.

With thanks to W.Bro. Darren W. Coleman - Heald, P.A.G.D.C., M.M.H. Charities Manager







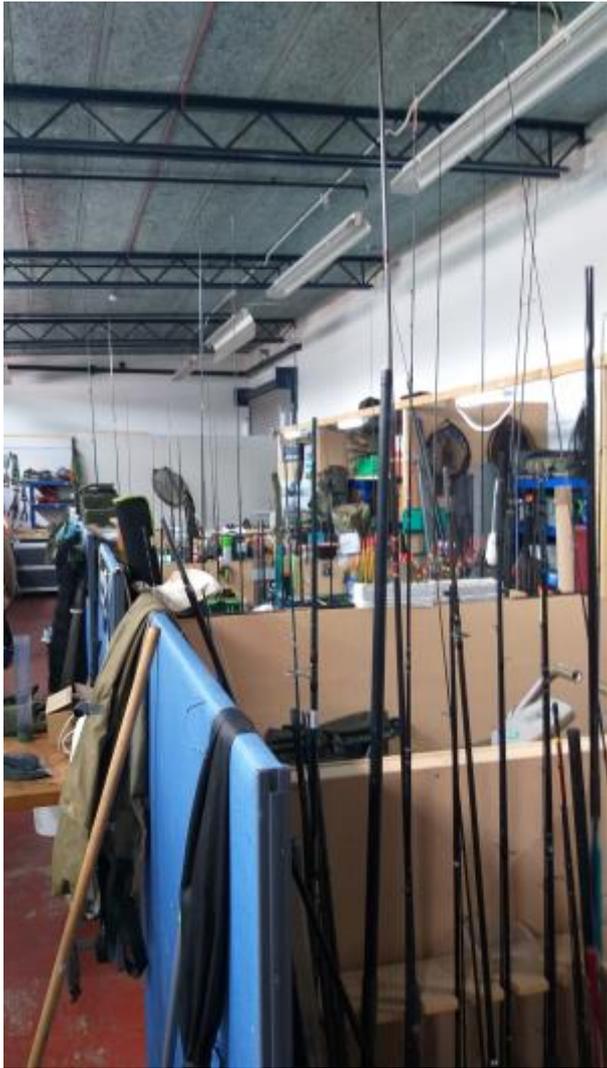
















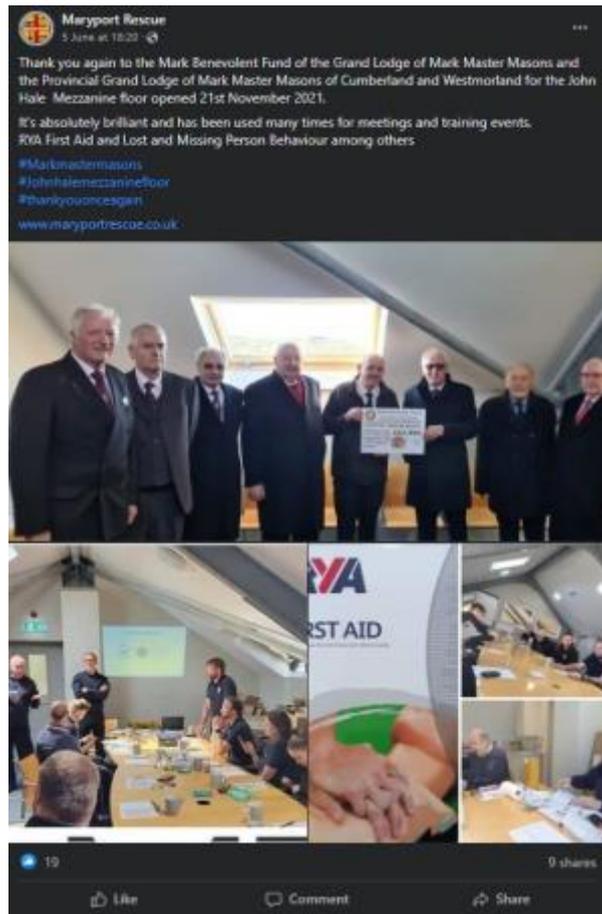


Across Social Media

On [Twitter](#) - Want to know more? Ask a Brother of the O.S.M.
<http://twitter.com/statuses/1531597729528520709>

And, happy 100th Birthday Bro. Dennis Kelly
<http://twitter.com/statuses/1529839979551137793>

On [Facebook](#) - [Maryport Rescue](#) celebrate the opening of their new Mezzanine Floor



[Cheshire Mark Masons](#) fly the flag for Her Majesty the Queen





At the meeting of Mark Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond John Smith, announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund would be donating £25,000 to the Mark Inspectorate of Romania who have been working proactively in many ways to provide support and relief to their neighbours in Ukraine.

This tremendous endeavour has touched Freemasons across the Constitution and many of our Brethren are keen to add their own support by making a donation.

We have set up a Relief Chest with the M.C.F. under the name of the **Mark Emergency Relief Fund** and you can now make donations in a variety of ways.

We know that there is enormous support for this already. To make the administration of donations as smooth as possible, enabling funds to be transferred efficiently to where they are needed most, we ask that you note the following advice regarding donations:

For individual donations of less than £100 - please make arrangements with your Mark Lodge for these to be collected centrally and then for the Lodge to make one consolidated donation into the Fund. These consolidated donations will count toward the Lodge's M.B.F. honorifics, rather than each individual.

Donations of £100 or more may be made by individuals directly into the fund and will count towards the Brother's M.B.F. Honorifics

In all correspondence please ensure you are donating to:

Mark Emergency Relief Fund

Relief Chest No.: **MMM185622**

The quickest and easiest way to donate is by scanning the QR code below or following this [Link](#).



For a Credit Card Donation Form [Click Here](#) - remembering to use your **Craft Lodge name and number**, not your Mark Lodge.

For a Single Donation Form [Click Here](#) - remembering to use your **Craft Lodge name and number**, not your Mark Lodge.

If you would like more information about the ways in which you can donate using the digital options above, you can read the Digital Donations Guide by [Clicking Here](#)

And if you, or your Lodge, already hold a Relief Chest from which you would like to donate funds, there is a further, specific guide available by [Clicking Here](#) and a simple transfer guide available by [Clicking Here](#)

[V.W.Bro. Cristian Mihutoiu, Grand Inspector for Romania](#) has sent us details of the humanitarian activities he and his Brethren are developing for the Ukrainian refugees.

1) ACCOMMODATION

For both refugees coming from the North by car and on foot, and those coming from the South by ferry, there are requirements for short term accommodation places for at least 3-4 days, after which some of them are travelling to other European countries while others are being hosted by Romanian families. For this purpose we are cooperating with the Government to supply the following facilities:

- special tents for more than 20 people

- electrical heating devices
- beds and blankets
- personal hygiene products

On the other hand, there are many small hotel owners which offer their facilities for the refugees asking in return for the payment for the utilities (gas, water, electricity).

2) MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- emergency kits
- small surgery kits
- antibiotics and other different medicines
- disinfecting solvents
- cleaning sets
- medical face masks

3) FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES

- sandwiches
- warm food freshly prepared
- still water
- disposable plates and cups

4) TRANSPORTATION FROM THE BORDER TO DIFFERENT CITIES AND AIRPORT

Many Ukrainian refugees are leaving Romania after 3-4 days spent at the border, through the major airports, especially Bucharest. So they need free transportation.

5) SPECIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND MOTHERS

Small children and mothers are very shocked and need specialised psychological assistance to recover.

6) CLOTHES SUPPLIES

Collecting and storing clothes for adults and children and distributing to the refugees as well as specialised articles for children.

Additionally we face the problem with those refugees who are asking to stay in Romania and need integration, long term accommodation and integration in our society. Many of them speak only Ukrainian or Russian.

Please also note that in the first wave of refugees arriving in the past 10 days, most of them have some financial resources. But the second wave, starting next week, will be those with very poor resources and who will require better care and support.

As of Wednesday, more than 250,000 refugees crossed the Romanian border and we are expecting up to 1 million in the next 30 days or less.

We are developing different support programs including in cooperation with other important organisations such as our National Craft Grand Lodge and international charity organisations such as LIONS Romania.

This is a brief presentation of our activities in support of the Ukrainian refugees who are facing a dramatic situation at the Romanian borders.

We are living in difficult times which require us, more than ever, and out of compassion and unity, to help those in difficult situations. Brotherhood and friendship must prevail.

Fraternal regards,

Cristian.

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MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

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

[2022 Surrey](#)

[2023 West Yorkshire](#)

[2024 Cheshire](#)

[2025 Oxfordshire](#)

[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

[2030 Essex](#)

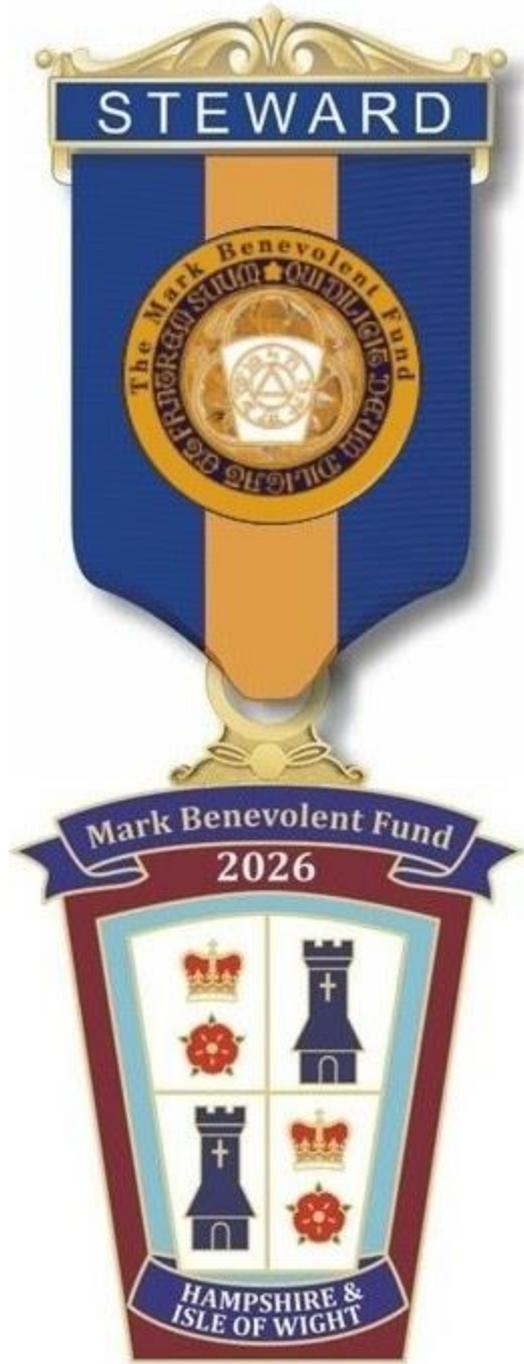
We have added the bank account name to all the forms so please use the latest form and details as found in the links above.

















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](#) 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.

Admin Departments @86



We're pleased to have now fully re-opened Mark Masons' Hall, with the Admin teams, Catering staff and Bar facilities operating business as usual.

All departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support members and visitors.

Most communication for Masonic Administration should go via the Provincial Secretary or equivalent and they will know who to contact here at M.M.H. if they are unable to answer the query themselves.

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