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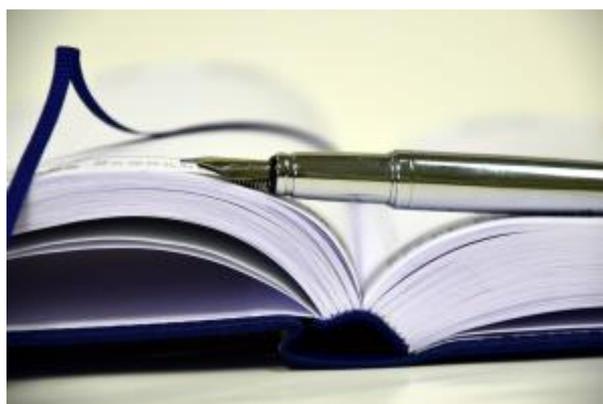
Welcome to your news and information update for the 'Progressive Orders of Freemasonry' administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street.

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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.

Saturday, 25 June - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. David William McMorris, P.G.Swd.B., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for West Scotland

Wednesday, 29 June - A.M.D. Consecration of Spire Council No. 283, District of East Midlands

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

Tuesday, 12 July - Mark Installation of W.Bro. James Dominic Harrison as Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire

Saturday, 30 July - O.S.M. Supera Moras Conclave No. 49 Centenary, Province of East Lancashire

A new Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Buckinghamshire



Thursday's rail strike couldn't deter the hardy Mark Brethren determined to head to Sindlesham Court to witness the Installation of the new Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Buckinghamshire.

The Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Raymond John Smith, officiated as Installing Officer and was assisted by a team of Grand Officers which included one notable addition, the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Kessick John Jones, P.G.S.W., brought out of retirement having hung up his wand in 2017.

The new Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Keith David Bristow, (pictured above, centre) will be known to many having previously served the Province as Prov.G.Sec. and Dep.Prov.G.M.

He was pleased to appoint W. Bro. Peter Robert Cole, P.G.J.D., as his Deputy (above, right).

Speaking at the meal following the Installation, both the Provincial Grand Master and the Pro Grand Master made reference to the Magic of the Mark. It was so clear to witness why the Mark holds such a special place in our hearts seeing the friendship and conviviality among the Brethren present and how happy they are in each others company.

After the meal, Brethren returned to the Temple to transact the business of the Province before departing to make their way home by whichever means they had managed to arrive.

Thank you to all those who made the effort to support the meeting under difficult travel circumstances.



And farewell to his predecessor

Prior to the Installation above, June 16 saw R.W.Bro. David Edmund Tremaine lead his Provincial team for the very last time. He headed a team visit to The Nightingale Lodge No. 1768 in the Elliott Hall, Winslow of which he was the Founding Junior Warden.

The Provincial Team undertook the ceremony of Advancement for a candidate with David acting as the Worshipful Master. Unfortunately the current Master, W.Bro James Iyengar, was unable to attend owing to having contracted Covid. David was assisted in the ceremony by W.Bro's Paul, Waldron, Simon Baines and Keith Bristow.

During the evening a guest of R.W.Bro. David Tremaine, R.W.Bro. Michael J. L. Whelan, Provincial Grand Master for Dorset kindly presented a Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Mark Palmer.

As well as the Ceremony of advancement R.W.Bro. Tremaine Presented a 50 year Certificate to W.Bro. Ted Griffin in recognition of 50 years' service in the Mark Degree. Ted was advanced in the North Wold Lodge in the Province of Middlesex on 24 February 1972. Some years later he joined St Barnabas Lodge No. 97 in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and was the Founding Secretary of the Nightingale Lodge.



At the end of the proceedings 53 members & guests repaired to the Bell Hotel Winslow where the Provincial Grand Master Elect, during the toast to the P.G.M. presented a gift to David on behalf of the whole Province. As David is a keen Fly Fisherman you might perceive what the present may have been.

David's reply to his Toast was greeted with a standing ovation from all the brethren present.

Centenary of Worth Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 727



Monday, 30 May 2022 and the Brethren of Worth Mark Lodge and a sizeable number of guests gathered to celebrate the Centenary of the consecration of the Lodge which took place on the 23 February 1921.

The Lodge was opened and, like a well-oiled bike chain, went very smoothly indeed. The Brethren then stood for a few moments in Memory of Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison, Assistant Grand Master. Once the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed it was then time to receive the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother James Steggles, and other officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, Geoff Emmott, welcomed R.W.Bro. Jim and offered the gavel and, on this occasion, he accepted the gavel and thanked him for the courtesy. The Provincial team then all took their respective places. Worshipful Brother Billy Light then read the consecration minutes. The next business was to hear a brief history of the Lodge delivered by Worshipful Brother David Lawson in a first-class manner. The history actually being produced by Worshipful Brother Terry Gatherum. It had a great deal of interesting information and mentioned the 28 founding members, mainly from Bronte Lodge No. 535 but also one each from Old York T.I. and Aries No. 669.

Worshipful Brother Gary Parker then read the Centenary Warrant which R.W.Bro. Jim then presented to W.Bro. Geoff. He also went on to present both Centenary jewels and Provincial Sesquicentenary tokens to the members of Worth Lodge.

The Provincial Chaplain Worshipful Brother Roger Quick then delivered a wonderful oration which was not only interesting but done in that wonderful style which as usual had the Brethren laughing and smiling. If you were to use the Lodge number 727 and travel that number of miles North, West or South of Keighley you would end up in the sea, meaning your satnav would certainly be broken! Or if you were to travel that number of miles East you would be three hours from the nearest Masonic Lodge in Gdansk Poland.

Various other items of Lodge business were then completed, which included a presentation of a very generous cheque towards the 2023 Festival. The Lodge closed and the Brethren retired to a busy festive board. R.W.Bro. Jim spoke about all the wonderful and resolute members of Worth Lodge who had worked tirelessly for the Lodge and the Province over the years since its consecration and that they were special people indeed. W.Bro. Geoff in his response thanked everyone for coming and both R.W.Bro. Jim and the team for their work that evening. It had really made it a wonderful evening.

With thanks to W.Bro. Billy Light, and W.Bro. Edward Wilkinson

W.Bro. Andrew Johnson P.Prov.G.S.W., Communications Manager





Brecknock Castle banner and board



On Wednesday, 15 June 2022, the Brecknock Castle Preceptory No. 704 of Knights Templar held a Preceptory Banner and Honours Board Dedication Ceremony at the Masonic Temple in Brecon, South Wales.

The very well attended Dedication Ceremony was expertly performed by the Provincial Prior of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales, R.E.Kt. Dr Paul Calderwood together with the Great Prelate, R.E.Kt. Malcolm Lane, who were accompanied by a significant number of the Provincial Officers. The Preceptory was excellently led by its Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Paul Evans.

Although the Brecknock Castle Preceptory was Consecrated less than five years ago (to serve a wide area of Central Wales), it is already the third largest Preceptory in the Province and continues to grow apace. Its membership is drawn from parts of Powys, plus Gwent, the original Counties of

Glamorganshire, Carmarthenshire, and Pembrokeshire as well as from Ceredigion, and it complements the well established Preceptories close to the south coast and in the west of Wales.

The very well attended After-proceedings were held in the Ballroom of the historic Castle Hotel, Brecon.



And, the following day at Cefn Ydfa...



On Thursday, 16 June 2022, the Cefn Ydfa Preceptory No. 579 of Knights Templar held its annual Installation Ceremony at the Bridgend Masonic Hall, also in the presence of the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Dr Paul Calderwood, and the new Provincial Sub-Prior, E. Kt. Richard Phillips.

The two Ceremonies were of particular significance as the new Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Mike Davies, is the father of E.Kt. Carl Davies who is an active Deputy Grand Marshal in the Great Priory of Knights Templar.

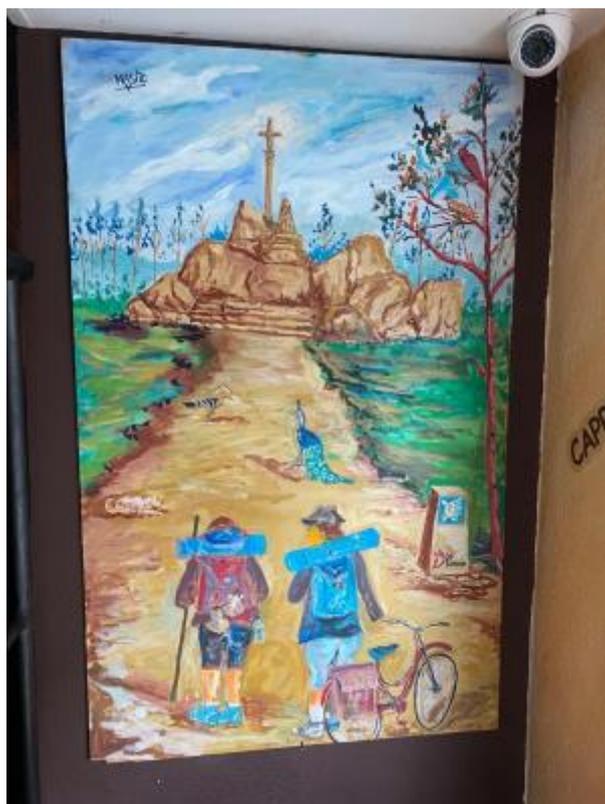
Both Ceremonies (Preceptory and Priory) were conducted in exemplary fashion by the outgoing Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Mark Newbold, who is a close friend of Mike and Carl.

The After-proceedings downstairs were conducted in the atmosphere of close friendship and good humour which epitomises the United Orders.





A Pilgrim on his travels



Eminent Knight Rod Barker of Sussex Preceptory in Eastbourne has started his 500+km Pilgrimage in aid of our friends at the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

In spite of being in his mid-Sixties he is completing about 40,000 steps per day. The Pilgrimage began on Wednesday, 22 June at the Great shrine of St James in Santiago Di Compostela. He will finish in July at the Marian Shrine in Fatima, Portugal.

He flew in during the early hours of the morning, having been waiting at Gatwick Airport overnight, and immediately commenced hiking the Camino.

Rod would ideally like to raise at least a pound per kilometre hiked in order to fund as many vital eye procedures as possible. If you are willing and able to donate via his charity challenges please visit: www.JustGiving.com/Rod-Pilgrim

Daily updates will also be posted via the Knights of the Vision Beautiful social media on:

Twitter: @KnightsVision

Instagram: @KnightsOfTheVision

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Knights-of-the-Vision-Beautiful>

A further update on the 2022 Team Challenge of the Knights of the Vision Beautiful for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital will be released soon. If you would like to know more or potentially take part please email the Team Captain via Knights.of.the.Vision@gmail.com or visit the the Team page at www.JustGiving.com/Team/Vision-Beautiful"

With thanks to E.Kt. Angus Rhodes, Gt. Capt.Gds.









Order of the Secret Monitor Cheshire & North Wales Investiture



Last week, the Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, M.Wy.Bro. Andrew Christopher Sweeney, once again graced the Province of Cheshire and North Wales with his presence, this time accompanied by the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler, R.Wy.Bro. Llewellyn Gill, who had flown over from St Lucia especially for the occasion, along with the Grand Recorder, Grand Director of Ceremonies and members of the Grand team, including the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel.

The occasion was very special, as it was for the Investiture of the ninth Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Cheshire and North Wales, Right Worthy Brother Tony Stringer, the previous Deputy.

Whilst presenting a potted history of the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler designate, the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler highlighted their other common association; they are both long-standing members of Mensa.

Having been duly invested and installed, the new Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler was pleased to appoint Worthy Brother Paul Burton, Past Grand Steward, as his Deputy.

Following a very enjoyable meeting, the Brethren assembled enjoyed a roast beef lunch and convivial conversation.



1 - W.Bro. Paul Morrison Burton, Dep.Prov.G.S.R.

R.Wy.Bro. William Anthony Stringer, Prov.G.S.R.

(R.Wy.Bro. James McKeeman, Past Prov.G.S.R. in the background)

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler paid testimony to his predecessors, revealed his Welsh roots, and outlined his plans for the months ahead, before everyone parted in harmony into the summer sunshine of Cheshire.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and Deputy are looking forward to travelling the country to meet their colleagues in other Provinces.

With thanks to Derek Gaskell, Provincial Grand Councillor.

Photographs, Brother Philip Rose, Deputy Commander, Arch of Steel



2 - The new Provincial Team, OSM Cheshire & North Wales

Surrey Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Conclave O.S.M.



The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Conclave of Surrey was held at the Surbiton Masonic Centre on Saturday the 11th of June 2022.

The Brethren of Surrey and their guests started arriving from 9 am where coffee and bacon sandwiches were being served in one of the dining rooms.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel were busy rehearsing their duties in the small Temple.



Among the many guests were Heads of Orders from a number of Surrey Orders



..... and distinguished guests from other Provinces.



Provincial Grand Conclave was opened by the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, Right Worthy Brother Colin M. Beerling, who was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wy. Bro. Ian Bloodworth.

After the In Memoriam to departed Brethren the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed all the honoured guests of the Province, hoping that they will enjoy the meeting and festive board. The minutes were taken, the Roll of Provincial Officers was called, as well as the Roll of Conclaves.

The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler welcomed those Brethren who have been inducted since our last meeting. He welcomed them into the Order and presented them with a lapel pin.

The Provincial Officers for the year 2022/2023 were appointed and those present were invested. The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler then re-appointed the Commander, Bro. Martin Baker, and appointed the Deputy Commander, Bro. Robert Short, and members of his Arch of Steel

During his address to Provincial Grand Conclave, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler thanked all members of the Province for their continued support and requested them to continue to seek out from their Craft Lodges suitable members for this wonderful Order.

After the meeting the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler greeted all our honoured guests on their way out of the Temple. Below, our Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler is pictured with the Provincial Grand Summus in the Order of the Scarlet Cord, Arnold Long, and the District Grand Prefect in the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees, John French.

At the conclusion of the meeting members of the Province, their visitors and guests sat down to a most enjoyable luncheon in the Elizabethan Suite at Surbiton Masonic Hall.

With thanks to Wy. Bro. Chris Eley



Happy Birthday to Hope For Tomorrow's mobile chemo unit 'Kayleigh'



Representatives of the Mark Benevolent Fund joined the Hope for Tomorrow Cancer Charity to celebrate the tenth birthday of their third mobile chemotherapy unit, 'Kayleigh'.

The unit was the first to be partly funded with a donation of £70,000 by the MBF in May 2012. Kayleigh has been serving the hospitals of Wiltshire ever since, providing much needed help and support, especially during the pandemic. It meant that patients with cancer could continue their life saving regime with the peace of mind that the units were on hand for them.

The President of the Mark Benevolent Fund, V.W.Bro. John Bell, P.G.M.O. and his wife, Mary, were accompanied by MBF Trustee, R.W.Bro. Michael Whelan, Provincial Grand Master for Dorset.

So, it's a Happy Birthday to Kayleigh and may there be more!





Across Social Media

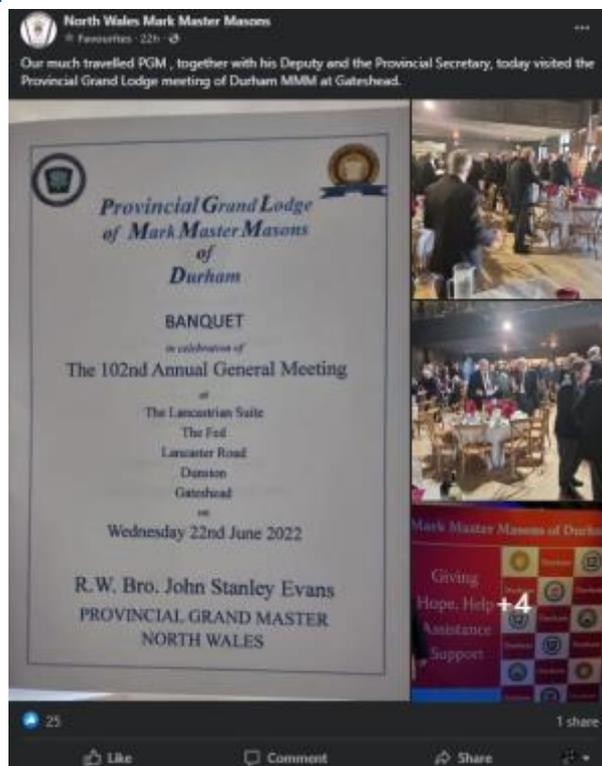
On [Twitter](https://twitter.com) - A successful visit to Plymouth for Devonshire's Prov.G.M.
<http://twitter.com/statuses/1539596756350017536>

And, a new R.A.M. Brother for the District of Spain
<http://twitter.com/statuses/1539489865531785216>

On [Facebook](#) - [London AMD](#) Dist.G.S.W. visits Guild of Freemen Council



And the [North Wales](#) Mark team are back on the road



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Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2022 - All Orders
Please note all timings are approximate. Refer to the Summaries for confirmation.

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Annual Fee	Meeting Fee	Refreshments	Travel Costs	Notes
MAAS	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 19 March 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAM	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 19 April 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAC	Grand Lodge	Monday, 18 May 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAD	Grand Lodge	Wednesday, 20 June 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAE	Grand Lodge	Monday, 11 July 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAF	Grand Lodge	Monday, 18 September 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAG	Grand Lodge	Monday, 18 October 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAH	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 18 November 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000
MAAI	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 18 December 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, London, WC2R 0EU	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	10000

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time



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 individuals.

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](#).



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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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