

Freemasonry@86 News - 30 June 2022



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

Saturday, 2 July - R.S.M. Installation of Ill.Comp. Stephen John Bradford, P.A.G.D.C., as District Grand Master for North Midlands

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

Saturday, 9 July - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Julian Alan Nicholas Frost, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Somerset

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

Saturday, 16 July - S.C. Installation of V.Dist.Comp. Jonathan Peter Wallis, P.G.Reg., as Provincial Grand Summus for Middlesex

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

All change in Cumberland and Westmorland



R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson (above, right) announced his retirement after 10 years in office as Prov.G.M. at the Annual Provincial Grand Lodge meeting of Cumberland and Westmorland on Thursday, 16 June 2022, and that his successor will be V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, Dep.Prov.G.M., (above, left). His retirement takes place on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 and the Investiture of V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride as Prov.G.M. will take place at the Carlisle Racecourse the following Day.

R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson was Installed as Provincial Grand Master on 21 June 2012, having previously been appointed Assistant Provincial Grand Master in 2007.

V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride was Installed as Deputy Provincial Grand Master on 21 June 2012, having previously held the office of Prov.G.D.C. for 8 Years. He also holds the office of Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland within the Province.

Prior to his retirement R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson will host the Sesquicentenary Celebration of Mark Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland at a Gala Dinner on the 6 August 2022, at The Garden of Eden, Golf Course, Crosby-on-Eden, Carlisle.

The Province thanks him for his dedication and service, and wishes him well in his retirement.

With thanks to V.W.Bro. David R. Robinson, P.G.J.O., Provincial Grand Registrar

Brighthouse Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.753. One Hundred not out!



Brighthouse Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.753 celebrated its Centenary on Monday, 13 June 2022. It actually being consecrated on the 25 February 1922 and is still battling very strongly indeed! A 6.00 p.m. start and the Brethren were eager to get to the crease. The Lodge was swiftly opened, and the dispensation read. The Worshipful Master, Worshipful Brother Steve Spooner, then paid tribute to Right Worshipful Brother Stephen Davison, Assistant Grand Master. The Brethren standing for a few moments of silence in respect for the much-loved and respected departed Brother.

After other Lodge business was then dealt with, it was time to receive the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother James Steggles, and other officers of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge. R.W.Bro. Jim then entered and was greeted with applause from the Brethren present. W.Bro. Steve then welcomed R.W.Bro. Jim and offered him the gavel. On this occasion it was received with thanks and R.W.Bro. Jim then placed his Provincial Officers in their rightful places.

Worshipful Brother Andrew Beardsell then read the minutes of the consecration meeting. W.Bro. Andrew saying he well remembered one of the founding members as he used to deliver meat to him from the local butchers and collected the money. W.Bro. Andrew only being about twelve at the time. It's also worthy of note that there were 156 Brethren at the consecration meeting!

Worshipful Brother David Kenyon then presented an interesting synopsis of the Lodge history. The Lodge being consecrated by Right Worshipful Brother Fredrick Cleaves the then Provincial Grand Master. After which R.W.Bro. Jim thanked W.Bro. David for his presentation saying it had been most interesting.

The Provincial Grand Secretary Worshipful Brother Gary Parker then read the Centenary warrant which, R.W.Bro. Jim presented to W.Bro. Steve. After which he then presented Centenary jewels to the Brethren of Brighthouse Mark Lodge.



Following this the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Brother Roger Quick, gave an oration, as interesting and entertaining as ever. The Halifax Courier must have thought it an interesting event at the time devoting a whole page to it. The British Empire at that time covering a quarter of the World and ruling one in four people on earth. Three days after the event Princess Mary daughter of King George V married Viscount Lascelles, who as Earl of Harewood became our Mark Provincial Grand Master seven years later.

After the oration, R.W.Bro. Jim handed back the gavel back to W.Bro. Steve saying he better do it now before he got too comfy! All other Lodge business dealt with the Brethren retired to a fantastic festive board. The toasts were swiftly dealt with saving the most important to that of Brighthouse Lodge. R.W.Bro. Jim mentioned how special it was to achieve 100 years and all the special people who had got them there. He had the pleasure of working with many of them. Right Worshipful Brother Brian Maurice Batty, Past Provincial Grand Master, and Very Worshipful Brother Dr. Rod Taylor, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, to mention just two. The 100 years had seen many things such as the formation of the Soviet Union, the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb and even Huddersfield Town winning the F.A.Cup! He also told of seeing W.Bro. Steve in Lycra only a week ago on the MC2 cycle challenge! Brethren you can still donate to this magnificent achievement by some very dedicated Masons. He also said he was looking forward to the next 100 years when we could all celebrate a further milestone in Brighthouse Mark Lodge. W.Bro. Steve thanked him for his

very kind words about Brighouse Mark and thanked him for all the dedicated work he and his team do week in and week out. A wonderful evening was had by all.

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





At the R.S.M. District Grand Council of London



Three of us from Surrey were due to travel to Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday, 23 June to attend the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of London.

Unfortunately, the rail strike meant that our District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. David Blackburn, and our District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, III.Comp. David Thompson, were unable to

attend the meeting leaving our Assistant District Grand Recorder, Ill.Comp. Chris Eley, to represent Surrey. Despite the rail strike there were quite a few honoured guests from other Districts.



The Council was opened by the District Grand Master, R.Ill.Comp. Vincent John Driver, assisted by the Deputy District Grand Master, V.Ill.Comp. Julian James Greenwall; the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Ill.Comp. Benjamin William Dykes; and the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill.Comp. Roderick Bradley.



We were all warmly welcomed by the District Grand Master who thanked everyone for making the effort to attend despite the challenges faced by some in getting to London. After the regular business of District Grand Council had been concluded, the District Grand Master had much pleasure in re-appointing as Deputy District Grand Master, V.Ill.Comp. Julian James Greenwall and re-appointing as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Ill.Comp. Benjamin William Dykes.

After the remaining District Officers had been invested the District Grand Master addressed District Grand Council. He congratulated those he had appointed and invested saying he was looking forward to the future now we are back to face-to-face meetings, with candidates in the pipeline. He thanked the District Grand Recorder and the District Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for all they had done to make the meeting such a success despite the last-minute changes.

District Grand Council was closed and the District Grand Master, attended by the Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and distinguished guests, retired in procession.



We were all invited to join the District Grand Master at a drinks reception



.....before we went into lunch.



After the meal the Deputy District Grand Master proposed the Toast to the District Grand Master. In his reply, the District Grand Master thanked the Companions for attending and proposed the toast to the visiting Companions.

With thanks to Ill.Comp. Chris Eley, P.G.Swd.B.



Province of Northampton, Huntingdon, and Bedford Provincial Church Service



After a break due to the pandemic of three years, the Province was delighted once again to hold its biennial church service at the Holy Trinity Church in Northampton on Sunday 19th June. 54 knights accompanied by 34 family and friends attended the event.

The service was lead by the E.Kt. Rev. A.W. Avery, P.Dep.Gt.Alm. and Provincial Prelate, with lessons read by the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. R.C. Wortley and the Provincial Chancellor E. Kt G. Bonham.

During the Templar hymn, a collection was made which amounted to £247.77 which was donated to the church. After the service, a sumptuous and plentiful tea was provided which was enjoyed by all.























Flying high at Morgannwg Preceptory



At the Meeting of the Morgannwg Preceptory No. 200 at Penarth Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 22 June 2022, the new Eminent Preceptor E.Kt. Martyn Lench, was Installed in the presence of R.E.Kt. Dr Paul Calderwood, the Provincial Prior for the Province of Monmouth and South Wales; R.E.Kt. Ryan Williams, K.C.T., Great Vice-Chancellor; and a large number of Great Priory Officers, Provincial Officers and Bro. Knights.



The Installation Ceremony was carried out by E.Kt. Alan Hulbert (who is also the Eminent Preceptor of St Madoc Preceptory No. 556) assisted by the Preceptory Marshal E.Kt. Wayne Cowley.

Following the Installation Ceremonies there was a separate event regarding the handover of the "Travelling Swift". The Sant Madoc Preceptory had previously had the great privilege of being entrusted with the care of the Swift Award which was presented to the Province of Monmouth and South Wales in 2019.



This award was accorded to the Province by the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in recognition of the generosity of the Brother Knights of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales in supporting the hospital in a most outstanding manner. The Hospital provides free treatment to patients regardless of their religion, race or politics and Medical need is the only criterion. For the United Orders this hospital has been the principal charity that they have supported for the past 100 years and more.



In Wales, the Members of the United Orders have been at the forefront in supporting the fine work of the hospital and, as a Province, were one of the first in the UK to have sent enough money to the Eye Hospital of Jerusalem to sponsor one of the Swifts on the Tree of Life set in the Muristan Garden in the Old City of Jerusalem and accordingly received the large Swift Award as part of that recognition.

It was the pleasure of the Eminent Preceptor of the Sant Madoc Preceptory to transfer the Award to the safekeeping of the Morgannwg Preceptory - with the request that a delegation of Knights from that Preceptory should undertake a visit to a further Preceptory in order to transfer the Award in the same way that it was presented to them.

E.Kt. Chris Mugford, Prov.Swd.B., Monmouth and South Wales



Marshals on the March!



Just before Christmas the intention to form a Preceptory for Great and Provincial Marshals, including Deputies, was announced. This will be part of the Provincial Priory of Warwickshire, The response has been wonderful. Over forty eligible Knights have already applied to be members.

As an update, the Steering Committee have been hard at work; they have now confirmed the meeting places and dates of the meetings. The Great Marshal, who will be the first Eminent Preceptor, has selected his Officers. We have even designed the Preceptory banner.

As the Preceptory is being formed on a warrant held in abeyance there will be a name change to reflect something that is more in keeping with the Preceptory's aims. Subject to a vote in its favour and approval from Great Priory, it will become the Preceptory of Barthélemy de Quincy. He was appointed the Marshal of the Order in about 1294 by the last Grand Master, Jacques de Moley.

The inaugural meeting will be on Saturday, 26 November 2022 at the Knowle Masonic Centre in Solihull.

We are aware that there are some Marshals across the Great Priory who have not heard of this venture and others who have not yet responded.

It's not too late to sign up to this exciting venture to bring together 'Marshals' from across our Great Priory. If you would like to join or just get more information, then email E.Kt. David Handley, the Provincial Vice-Chancellor of Warwickshire, on ktvc.warksprovpriory@yahoo.com

'Come on you Marshals,' get in step with those already joining !

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

In Spire



There was nothing crooked or twisted about the Consecration of Spire Council No. 283 in the District of East Midlands on Wednesday, 29 June.

The meeting was held at Chesterfield Masonic Centre, in the shadow of the Cathedral's famous spire. Many myths persist as to how the spire became misshapen, some may even be printable, but you can make your own searches for them. The focus of the day was the Allied Masonic Degrees and this new Council.

The Presiding Officer was R.W.Bro. Clive Robert Manuel, Deputy Grand Master, ably assisted by a team of Grand Officers, including the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Richard William Davis, who acted as the Installing Officer; and W.Bro. Philip Marshall, G.S.D., acting as Dep.G.D.C. Philip is also the Craft Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire, an area encompassed within this A.M.D. District. A lively and fascinating oration was given by V.W.Bro. Justin Parker, G.Chap. which set the tone for the meeting.

W.Bro. Steven Barratt, P.G.J.D., Dep.Dist.G.Pref., was Installed as the Primus Master and he then appointed his Officers from amongst the founders, an impressive line-up which included representatives from the local executives of just about every mainstream Order of Freemasonry.

With such well-know and experienced Brethren involved from the start, and Candidates in the pipeline, the Council can look forward to a very bright future.



A visit to the S.C. Grand Senatus of The Chilterns



On Saturday 25th of June February a delegation from Surrey attended the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of The Chilterns held at the Thame Masonic Hall.

When we arrived, we received a very warm welcome from R.Dist.Comp. Dr Silverio Ostrowski, Provincial Grand Summus.



Present at the meeting was R.Dist.Comp. Howard S Markham, Assistant Grand Summus.....



..... and several Right Distinguished Companions, seen here with the Provincial Grand Summus.



The Temple at Thame is very quaint, with the most comfortable seats I have ever experienced in a Masonic Temple. Thank goodness we were not doing a Craft Third Degree



The Companions were called to Order to receive the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus who entered the Temple in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year.



Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist. Comp. Alan Baverstock.

The Assistant Grand Summus entered, was received by the Provincial Grand Summus and invited to take the baton. The Assistant Grand Summus politely declined and handed it back to the Provincial Grand Summus. The Assistant Grand Summus was saluted with nine under direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Companions thanking them for coming along to support the Provincial Grand Senatus of The Chilterns. The Right Distinguished Companions were then saluted with seven.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Senatus had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Summus re-appointed Dist. Comp. Daryl Hayler as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus; and Dist Comp. Peter Gilkes as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.



A total of 22 appointments and promotions in Provincial Grand Rank were made.



The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. In his Address he said that his first duty was to convey the best wishes of our Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian S Currans, who asked him to pass on his best personal wishes to everyone.

He greeted all those attending with warmth and a hearty welcome and said how pleased he was to see so many members and guests from other Provinces and Orders attending. He spoke about how best we can provide the opportunity for all OSM members to join the Scarlet Cord.

He congratulated all those who had received appointment in Provincial Grand Rank and wished them well in their office. He intends to continue to raise funds for the COVAX organisation to aid their aim of providing and administering Covid-19 vaccinations to as much of the world as possible.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus retired in procession accompanied by Right Distinguished Companions, and Honoured Guests.



The Provincial Grand Summus and the Assistant Grand Summus then returned for a photograph with the Surrey delegation.



After a few drinks in the bar.....



..... the Companions of the Province of The Chilterns and their guests enjoyed a convivial meal together.

With thank to Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Prov.G.Rec. (Surrey)



'Melody' makers



The Peter Le Marchant Trust applied for funding to refurbish their existing boat called 'Melody' and £35,250 was granted by the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) in January 2020. As the work progressed it became clear that the boat needed more work than was realised at the time and it would not be a wise use of funds to refurbish it. Instead, the Trust came back to the MBF with a proposal for the commissioning of a brand-new boat using the remainder of the funds from the previous grant and the proceeds from the sale of 'Melody' and the MBF awarded a further £25,000 in June 2021 supplemented with £7,000 from the Leicestershire & Rutland Mark Benevolent Fund, making a total grant of £67,250.



The new narrowboat was formally named 'Jubilee' by the mayor of Charnwood Borough Council Cllr. Jennifer Tillotson in a quayside ceremony at the Trust's headquarters on the Grand Union Canal at Loughborough on 21st June 2022. Attending the ceremony were Clare Le Marchant-Connell, the founder of the Trust, Tim Marren the Trust's Chief Executive both of whom were accompanied by colleagues from the Trust. A delegation representing the Mark Benevolent Fund and the Mark Province of Leicestershire & Rutland included R.W.Bro. Tony Morris, Past Deputy President of the MBF; R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann, Provincial Grand Master; R.W.Bro. Michael Herbert, Past Deputy Grand Master, who were accompanied by brethren from the Provincial Executive and Trustees of the Leicestershire & Rutland MBF.



After a welcome from Tim Marren, in her address Clare Le Marchant-Connell expressed her deep appreciation and thanks to the MBF and the Mark Master Masons of Leicestershire & Rutland for the generosity of the grant which now enables the Trust's operations to be expanded over the summer to include self-hire of the new boat Jubilee for holidays for the disabled and dis-advantaged. In responding, R.W.Bro. Tony Morris on behalf of the MBF and the Mark degree congratulated Clare and her team for the wonderful work they do, and in wishing success and happy sailing to Jubilee hoped that some of our brethren may be able to experience for themselves the calm and enjoyment of a trip on the canal - watch this space!





Once the formalities of the naming were successfully dispensed with, an outdoor buffet luncheon in beautiful sunny weather was followed by tours of the new boat to better appreciate the fit-out that has employed the latest devices and designs to accommodate those with a wide range of disabilities.

Based in Leicestershire, the Peter Le Marchant Trust is a registered charity and has for over forty years provided day trips and holidays on the waterways to a wide range of children and adults who experience health and social issues in their day to day lives. They welcome over 5,000 passengers a year in providing a positive and enriching experience of the joy and tranquillity of the waterways for the ill and disabled.

The new boat Jubilee joins the existing fleet of 'Serenade' and 'Symphony'; two broad-beam boats which are used for day trips, each being specially adapted to be accessible to all, including hydraulic lifts for wheelchair users and can take up to twenty-six passengers.

With thanks to W.Bro. Peter Gibson-Leitch, P.A.G.D.C.. Provincial Grand Secretary, Leicestershire & Rutland

A new minibus for the Freedom Centre



The Freedom Centre was founded on the initiative of the Delta Group which was formed from the local branch of Scope on the Isle of Sheppey. It became an independent charity in 1992. The name was chosen by the centre members to reflect Friendship, Enlightenment, Encouragement, Disability, Opportunity and Mobility.

Their objective was to establish a member led support centre for people aged between 18 and 65 (on joining) with physical disabilities and offer a structured educational service and social activities. The centre is run by 10 part time paid staff, assisted by many volunteers and currently caters for 65 physically disabled people on a monthly basis.

A chance meeting between Ken Nunn of Dover and Cinque Ports Mark Lodge and Tina Cox from the Centre during a Warner Holiday, began the association of the Mark degree with the Centre. Ken soon found out that the Centre had a badly run down shed that they wanted to replace and a worn-out minibus.

The specially adapted minibus provided transport to and from the centre in the Swale area for the physically disabled and was also used for recreational day trips.

As sheds are easily found, Ken set about getting the funds for a replacement minibus through the Mark Benevolent Fund. H.W. Pickrell Ltd in Billericay were contacted and soon the specification for a fully kitted out Mercedes Sprinter Van was obtained at a cost of £54,707.02 plus registration fee.

Even though the Centre had been very proactive in raising and setting aside funds to replace the current minibus and currently had £13,600 set aside which could be used towards the cost of a new vehicle, The Mark Benevolent Fund agreed to meet the full cost of £54,762.

The fully fitted out bus arrived just in time for the volunteers to take the Centre users on their annual retreat and will then continue to provide specialised transport for the users.

Picture: Peter Williams, Provincial Grand Master, handing over the keys to the new MBF funded minibus

With thanks to W.Bro. Robin Evans, P.A.G.D.C.

Across Social Media

On [Twitter](https://twitter.com/statuses/1542204532632985601) - Tension mounts in Surrey as they await their MBF Festival total
[http://twitter.com/statuses/1542204532632985601](https://twitter.com/statuses/1542204532632985601)

And, Devonshire Mark make a generous donation
[http://twitter.com/statuses/1542054679819046912](https://twitter.com/statuses/1542054679819046912)

On [Facebook](#) - [Durham Mark](#) make early preparations for the season ahead



And [Essex Mark](#) are ready for their next awareness evening

Essex Mark and RAM Masons
Essex Mark & RAM: Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons · 1h · 6

The P.M.S.G is pleased to announce the third in the highly successful Mark Awareness events. Contact Sid Philpin to book. Contact details on the picture below.

An Invitation from ESSEX MARK MASTER MASONS

All Members of the Craft are invited to join the Mark Master Masons of Colchester and its surrounding areas for a full English breakfast, followed by a presentation on the Mark degree at St. Giles Masonic Centre, Colchester. MMWs are also welcome to attend and are positively encouraged to bring along any brother who may be interested in joining our order. The presentation will take place in a fully laid out Temple where an interesting presentation of the Mark degree will be given. Booking is required if you are bringing guests and/or dining, otherwise simply turn up and enjoy.

The Mark Master Masons in and around Colchester
Saturday, 3 September 2022
Registration and refreshments from 09.00 a.m.
Breakfast at 10.00 a.m.
Presentation at 11.00 a.m.
St. Giles Masonic Centre
Guests dine FREE ~ MMMs: £12.50/head
Please book with W.Bro. Sid Philpin
sidphilpin@aol.com

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Calendar of Annual Meetings

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

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Reserve Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Ends	Open Time	Admission
MAAS	Grand Lodge	Tuesday 15 March 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, 100, Strand, London, WC2R 0ET	18.30 hrs	1.00 hrs	2.00 hrs	2.30 hrs	10.00
MSM	Grand Chapter	Tuesday 15 March 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, 100, Strand, London, WC2R 0ET	19.30 hrs	1.00 hrs	2.00 hrs	2.30 hrs	10.00
DIC	Grand Chapter	Thursday 17 March 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, 100, Strand, London, WC2R 0ET	19.30 hrs	1.00 hrs	2.00 hrs	2.30 hrs	10.00
MSM	Grand Chapter	Monday 14 April 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, 100, Strand, London, WC2R 0ET	19.30 hrs	1.00 hrs	2.00 hrs	2.30 hrs	10.00
MAAS	Grand Lodge	Monday 14 April 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, 100, Strand, London, WC2R 0ET	19.30 hrs	1.00 hrs	2.00 hrs	2.30 hrs	10.00
MSM	Grand Chapter	Tuesday 15 September 2022	Mark Grand Lodge, 100, Strand, London, WC2R 0ET	19.30 hrs	1.00 hrs	2.00 hrs	2.30 hrs	10.00
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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.Br. 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](#).



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.

The Shop@86

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Please note: As a result of the current pandemic and supply issues, there may be delays to the despatch of orders. For enquiries about your order please email Regalia@mmh.org.uk



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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