

Freemasonry@86 News - 19 August 2022



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

This bulletin is emailed to all Rulers in the Provinces, Districts & Divisions and their Secretariats, as well as subscribers.

Please share this content with your members by forwarding this email or let them know that it's available on the MMH website.

If you don't currently receive this email directly but would like to subscribe please email communications@mmh.org.uk

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 20 August - A.M.D. Installation of W.Bro. Steven Graeme Barratt, P.G.J.D., as District Grand Prefect for East Midlands

Thursday, 1 September - Mark St Giles Lodge of M.M.M. No. 760 Centenary, Province of North Wales

Thursday, 8 September - K.B.H.C. Annual Meeting of Grand Priory, M.M.H.

Saturday, 10 September - K.T. Installation of V.E.Kt. Colin Dann, P.Gt.Reg., as Provincial Prior for Sussex

Saturday, 10 September - R.S.M. Installation of V.III.Comp. Geoffrey Frederick Spencer, P.G.Lect., as District Grand Master for East Anglia

Tuesday, 13 September - Mark Communication of Mark Grand Lodge. Celebrating Prince Michael of Kent's 40th Anniversary as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the investiture of recipients of Promotions in Grand Rank, F.M.H.

Saturday, 17 September - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Andrea Bonechi, P.G.S.D., as District Grand Master for Italy

Saturday, 17 September - S.C. Installation of Dist.Comp. Alan Webster, IV, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Summus for West Yorkshire

MERF Ukraine update from the Mark Inspectorate of Romania



We're grateful to the Mark Inspectorate of Romania for their continued hard work in ensuring the money that you have donated to the Mark Emergency Relief Fund is directed to those who need it most.

For details of how to donate scroll down to the lower sections of this Newsletter.



Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons
of England and Wales and its
Districts and Lodges Overseas
Grand Inspectorate of Mark Master Masons of Romania



NEWSLETTER No. 06/10.08.2022

This document is distributed by email to all copies of the Mark Master Masons in Romania, as well as to the worked subscribers.

Please share the content of this document only with those who are allowed to be informed.

If you would like to receive this document, and you are not a subscriber yet, please send an e-mail to secretariat@ordresmark.ro

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERS FROM THE GRAND INSPECTORATE OF MARK MASTER MASONS IN ROMANIA

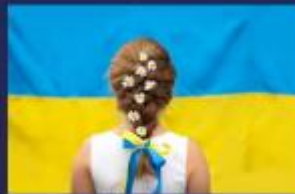
The language courses continue with new students according to situation: outdoors or online.



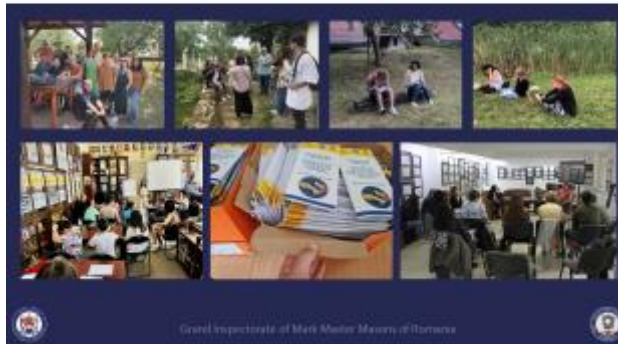
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERS FROM THE GRAND INSPECTORATE OF MARK MASTER MASONS IN ROMANIA

Romanian language lessons at the Ipotești Memorial for Ukrainian refugees from the MHŃișeni War Refugee Center – Botoșani County. The staff from Ipotești Memorial was happy to support the action. The representatives of the Border Police presented bilingually the regulations and the status of war refugees.

The action was organized by Brothers from Thomas Dunckerley MMM.



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERS FROM THE GRAND INSPECTORATE OF MARK MASTER MASONS IN ROMANIA



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF THE BROTHERS FROM THE GRAND INSPECTORATE OF MARK MASTER MASONS IN ROMANIA

To celebrate a Ukrainian child Birthday, a small party was organized in Arad with 7 adults, 30 children, 4 volunteers and 2 media partners.



SELECTED IMAGES FROM CHARITY ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, the reality of the war continues to mark the lives of those who found shelter in Romania. Their houses were destroyed by bombardments.



SELECTED IMAGES FROM CHARITY ACTIVITIES



SELECTED IMAGES FROM CHARITY ACTIVITIES



The constitution of the **District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania** is a long worked model and one that will be attended by all the Romanian Lodges, as well as delegates of the Provincial Grand Lodges from United Kingdom and District Grand Lodges from Overseas.

The main objectives of these works are the following:

- Cooperation programs**
- Member base**
- Charitable activities**
- Gifts donor**
- Other specific activities**

The District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania will operate under the jurisdiction of the **Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales** and the **Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the United Kingdom** and **Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the United Kingdom**.

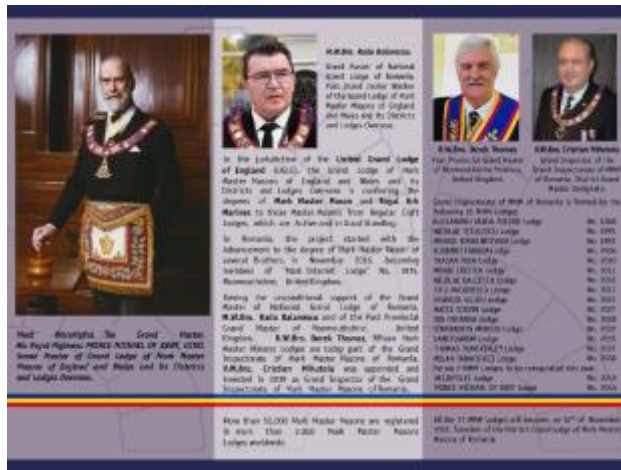
All regular members of a Mark Master Mason Lodge from Romania, United Kingdom and Overseas are entitled to these events. The participation will be restricted to **20th-21st of October, 2022**. A registration fee will be communicated individually by the **Grand Secretary of the Grand Inspectorate of Mark Master Masons of Romania**, in due time.

Monday 20th November 2022 - **Belton House**
Friday 24th November 2022 - **Constitution of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania at Twickenham Sports Ground, Richmond**
Saturday 25th November 2022 - **Constitution of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Romania at the Twickenham Sports Ground, Richmond**
Sunday 27th November 2022 - **Twickenham Sports Ground**

CONSTITUTION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ROMANIA

secretariat@edimark.ro
<https://edimark.ro/>

10th-14th NOVEMBER 2022



You can download these slides [Here](#)

Cumberland & Westmorland Celebrate 150 years of Mark Masonry

On Saturday, 6 August 2022, Cumberland & Westmorland celebrated 150 years of Mark Masonry. In attendance were the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Assistant Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, together with their wives and partners, and the event was further graced by the support of nine Provincial Grand Masters and their wives, which helped make up a wonderful gathering of 217.

The venue was a large Marquee on the outskirts of Carlisle. The weather, cloudy but warm (and rather more comfortable than it would have been one week later when the temperature rose to 30° at the venue).

Following the meal, speeches and toasts, entertainment was provided by “StagedRight Production” a Carlisle award winning Youth Theatre and professional production company specialising in Musical Theatre for students aged 4 – 18, which was supported by the Mark Benevolent Fund with £12,300 in February this year when they required assistance. Their gift back to us was a show lasting an hour, which reflected the confidence and life skills that our donations help to provide to support youth groups such as theirs.

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









You can download the celebratory booklet [Here](#)

Knights Templar Family Service at Wells Cathedral



The Great Priory Family Service will be held at Wells Cathedral, Cathedral Green, Wells, BA5 2UE on Saturday, 24 September at 2 p.m.

Please be seated no later than 1.30 p.m.

A registration fee of £10 per person is payable (which includes light refreshments after the service). No registration fee is required for children under 16, but you will need to tell us how many are attending with you.

Itinerary

1.15 p.m. The Avon and Somerset Constabulary Male Voice Choir will perform a selection of songs from their extensive repertoire, which has entertained people since their formation in 1974.

2.00 p.m. Great Priory Family Service – Enjoy the colour, splendour and pageantry of the Knights Templar, in the presence of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, as we join together in this special service of dedication to our Order.

3.00 p.m. Light Refreshments (tea, coffee, cakes and savouries) will be served in the North and South Transepts. Wander the Cloisters and gardens and take time to enjoy the fabulous surroundings of Wells Cathedral.

4.00 p.m. Close.

Dress code for Knights of the Order is: Knights Templar regalia (**no swords**), over a lounge suit.

To go to the booking page, either scan the QR code below or [Click Here](#)



Scan to book in

Knights Templar update from the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

It's been a time of activity at the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group and they've been pleased to share the following news with us.

Firstly, the East Jerusalem Hospital Network received a visit from the President of the U.S.A.



**PRESIDENT BIDEN VISITS EAST
JERUSALEM HOSPITALS NETWORK**

During his recent visit to Jerusalem, President Biden visited the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network (EJHN). He was greeted by the six Hospitals' Chief Executive Officers. Dr. Ahmad Mstafé seized this incredibly unique opportunity and outlined the charitable work carried out by the St. John Eye Hospital Group in Jerusalem, West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The President was exceedingly impressed to hear that the St. John Eye Hospital was the first ophthalmic hospital established in the Middle East in 1932 and was celebrating 60th years of service this year.

[Read on our website](#)

In his speech President Biden emphasized the role played by the East Jerusalem Hospitals in meeting the health care needs of its patients. He fondly spoke about the impact that great health care has both in meeting patients' medical needs as well as giving them the drive to recover. He reflected on the care nurses gave his sons after a tragic car accident killed his wife and daughter as well as the nine and a half hour operation which saved his own life many years ago. On this, he applauded the great work of the EJHN saying "These Hospitals are the backbone of the Palestinian healthcare system. People turn to you in their moment of need."

President Biden proudly announced that the United States is committing a \$30 million to support East Jerusalem hospitals. This will be a multi-year commitment in both resources and expertise and will mainly cover Palestinian Ministry of Health debts to the six East Jerusalem Hospitals. President Biden also reiterated that the United States would work with all leadership in the region to ensure that the East Jerusalem Hospitals remain sustainable, remain available and continue to provide high quality care that the Palestinian people deserve. **Feel free to contact us:**

- 📞 +972 52 500 1111
- ✉️ info@ejhn.org
- 🌐 www.ejhn.org
- 📍 www.stjohnofjerusalem.org

And we have also received the first of the new-look Knights Templar Newsletters, highlighting much of the work being carried out by the SJEHG. We're grateful to Naomi Booth, the SJEHG's new Fundraising Officer, for sharing this information with us.



St John of Jerusalem
Eye Hospital Group

Knights Templar Newsletter

Summer 2022 | Issue #1 | St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group Newsletter – Knights Templar

We want to thank YOU!

We would like to thank all members of the Knights' Templar for your ongoing support for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. Without your funding, we would be unable to continue our vital work, saving sight across Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

The demand for our sight-saving services is ever increasing – in 2021, we treated almost 134,600 patients and performed more than 8,500 eye surgeries. The funds you have donated will go a long way to securing the livelihoods of our staff and the mission we have set out to achieve.

Inside This Newsletter

- Children's Services Update
- Hospital Update
- Events
- Ways to Support Us

Hello!

Hello! I'm Naomi and I'd like to introduce myself as the new Fundraising Officer for SJEHG, based in London. My role is to monitor the fundraising in the UK, plan events, assist our dedicated fundraising groups and edit the Jerusalem Scene! If you need any assistance from me or have any suggestions for future Jerusalem Scene content, please feel free to drop me an email at:

naomi.booth@stjohnseyehospital.org

I look forward to working alongside you all in the future!



Children's Services Update

The support we receive from the Knights' Templar is invaluable to us as the Knights' Templar funding goes towards the children's services at our hospitals. Of all the patients we treat, 30% (around 44,000) of these are children, most of whom are treated at our main hospital in Jerusalem. Every year, 6,000 children are admitted to our Jerusalem hospital for treatment and 550 of these undergo complex, sight-saving surgical operations.

Sadly, our young patients were being admitted to the Jerusalem Hospital adult ward due to a lack of specialized children's facilities which met Ministry of Health standards.

As a result, our team identified a special wing at the main Jerusalem Hospital that could be converted into a dedicated children's ward, enabling us to help save the sight of even more children, due to our increased capacity. Our new children's ward allows us to maintain the highest level of care for children in accordance with the Ministry of Health and JCI (Joint Commission International) accreditation standards.

The ward is a child-friendly environment for our young patients with a strong focus on gold standards of care.

In other news, our Jerusalem Hospital has gained two neonatal screening cameras, which will help identify children at risk of retinopathy of prematurity. Retinopathy of prematurity affects the eyes of up to 50% of infants born prematurely, causing sight loss and even blindness. This new equipment will significantly reduce the burden of sight loss affecting children and their families in this region.



Summer 2022 | Issue #1 | St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

5

Children's Ward Photos



Between January and July 2022, we've seen a total of **22,459** children across the Group and performed **538** surgeries.



Hospital Updates

This year, we are pleased to announce that the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is celebrating 140 years of being the only charitable provider of expert eye-care in the region. Today, the Hospital operates across 5 different sites, treating more than 134,000 patients and performing over 6,500 surgeries per year. The below paragraphs outline the updates to our hospital activities.

Covid-related restrictions have been lifted in the region and since March, we thankfully have had no positive cases of COVID19 amongst our hospital staff.

So far in 2022, the number of outpatients at the Hospital has risen and in comparison to last year, we have had a 10% increase of patients seen at the Group.

At our Jerusalem Hospital, preparations to commence nurse training are well underway and we are aiming to begin training eight nurses in September 2022. This is a hugely positive feat and we are proud to be involved in the training of eye-care professionals in the region. The average cost of a full-time nurse is £23,000 and we are always looking for assistance in funding these amazing professionals.

Out of the 2.1 million people who live in Gaza, a staggering 78% are refugees who are dependent on food handouts from the United Nations, thus having access to our free care is imperative. Between January and May 2022, we saw a 23% increase in the number of cataract surgeries performed in our Gaza hospital.

Due to the high demand in Gaza, it is likely the number of cataract surgeries we perform this year will continue to rise and may even reach 50% more than 2021. We have also seen a 10% increase in outpatient numbers in Gaza, compared to 2021 and we are proud to be making a difference to even more people's lives. Although travel into and out of Gaza remains difficult, we luckily have been able to receive medical supplies without major disruption to our services.

In the first 5 months of 2022, we performed refractive surgery (vision correction) on 187 eyes, which is almost double the amount performed in 2021! This is a huge achievement for us, especially as there were no reported complications related to corneal haze and scarring.



Events and Fundraising Calendar

July – December 2022: St John Youth Walk

In 2022, St John Youth are running 'Walk', in which they are encouraging groups to raise money for the SJEHG's vital sight-saving work. The Walk invites participants to walk 6 miles (10km) in an 'iGroup' of 10 walkers, or as individuals to cover 60 miles (100km) as a 'solo Walker'. Visit the Youth website for more information and to register a group: <https://www.sjehg.co.uk/news-events/sports/walk/>; or contact youth@sjehg.co.uk

21st – 23rd September: Knights of the Vision Beautiful Pilgrimage

Members of the Knights of the Vision Beautiful Team will be embarking on a relay pilgrimage from St Augustine's Cross in Kent to Wells Cathedral, Somerset, in order to raise vital funds for the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. They have previously raised more than £24,000 (including Gift Aid) for the Eye Hospital via the efforts of their Captain followed by 24 and 48 hour continuous relays in 2020 and 2021. This time they will cover in excess of three hundred miles. Should you wish to get involved, please contact their Captain, Angus Rhodes, via KnightsOftheVision@gmail.com.



To sponsor the team, please see: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/Vision-Beautiful>

22nd September: St Katharine's Dock Drinks

The Guild fundraising group are hosting an evening of drinks on a pontoon at St Katharine's Dock, with a view of the Royal Rowbridge, the Gloriosa (pictured right). The evening will run between 18:00 and 20:30. To grab your ticket, please visit:

www.guildstjohn.com/upcoming-events



3rd December: The Guild Gift of Sight Fair, Chelsea Old Town Hall - Save the date!

Ways to Support Us

If you would like to make a one-off donation or set up a direct debit, you can do so by visiting our website at:

www.sjehg.co.uk/hospital

On our website, you can also read articles about hospital updates and visit our online shop.

To stay in touch and keep up to date, you can subscribe to our Jerusalem Scene newsletter via our website or by calling the office on 0207 553 5993.

If you would like to fundraise for us, please get in touch! We have many fundraising resources on our website, including how-to guides and printable posters.

For an idea of how your support can help:

- £7.00 can fund an initial eye consultation
- £25.00 can buy eye drops (which are typically the main treatment for conditions such as glaucoma)
- £70.00 can treat diabetes-related eye problems
- £250.00 funds cataract treatment for one person or one operation to correct a child's squint
- £500.00 pays for urgent eye surgery



How to support us every time you shop with AmazonSmile

£14.5 million (average) of donations through AmazonSmile

You shop, Amazon donates.

Sign up
Search as if your charity is an online Amazon store. All in the click of a button on the Amazon app.

Shop
Some products, same prices.

Amazon donates
0.5% of every eligible purchase, at no extra cost to you.

amazon smile

You can download your copy of the President Biden visit report [Here](#)

And the Newsletter [Here](#)

R.S.M. District Grand Council Meeting of West Yorkshire



On a warm August day at Castle Grove Masonic Hall the District of West Yorkshire held their Annual meeting, the first in person for the District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Fraser McPherson, since being appointed during the pandemic.

District Grand Council was opened in due form with support from 11 other District Grand Masters along with their Deputies, P.C.W.s, Recorders and other Companions. The business of the day taken care of, a meal of Tomato & Pesto Bruschetta; Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding; Profiteroles, with wine, was served and was up to its usual high standard.

The District Grand Master thanked everyone for their support and asked everyone to keep supporting their own Craft, Chapter and Mark Lodges as that is where we get our candidates from, and that is where our future lies.

Within this District there were current and past Rulers of a number of Orders including Craft, Royal Arch, Mark and Allied to name a few, showing the importance of working together in Freemasonry.

The Festive Board was then closed and everyone left feeling happy in their Cryptic Masonry.

It's so good to be back.

Comp. Jason Cunningham, District Assistant Grand Recorder



















The Croft Dinner 2022



“The Croft Dinner” was instigated following a conversation between John Harvey, District Grand Master for Northumberland in the Royal and Select Masters, and James Peter Croft, who was at that time Provincial Grand Master for Durham in the Mark & Royal Ark Mariners, Intendent-General for Durham in the Red Cross of Constantine, and District Grand Prefect for Northumberland and Durham in the Allied Masonic Degrees. It was to provide a social event and celebration to mark the end of the Masonic year for the District Grand Officers in the A.M.D. and R.S.M.

Peter Croft was compared with the Pied Piper of Hamelin, in that he played the tune and the Brethren and Companions fell in behind him; without question a great leader of men and loved and respected by all who knew him.

It was arranged to be held at Tynemouth Golf Club on the second Friday in August 2012 with an attendance of 30. The occasion was enjoyed by all present and a bottle draw on the night raised £400 which was donated to a local Charity.

News of the successful evening soon reached all the rest of the membership of both Orders and requests for tickets were in great demand.

In recent times, following the death of Peter Croft, it was decided that as a mark of respect we all had for him, the Officers' Dinner was changed to “The Croft Dinner” and has been very successful ever since. Local Charities such as RLNI Tynemouth, Whitley Bay Food Bank, Marie Curie etc. have received donations from the event.



This year's event was held at Tynemouth Golf Club and attended by 69 members including the Grand Masters of both Orders; M.W.Bro. Thomas F. Jackson and M.III.Comp. Kessick J. Jones. Because of the intense heat, the jacket and tie dress code was relaxed to smart casual as the evening progressed.

The bottle draw on this occasion raised the sum of £2135 which was donated to the Tynemouth Golf Club Captains Charity (who thought he was there just as a guest). In his response he said that he was gobsmacked at the generosity of all present and the donation would help those in society who were less fortunate than ourselves.







Not seeing your news? Join us on Social Media

Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent a Masonic Club or Society linked to our Orders, please send us an invite to join or follow you.

We can be found at:

Facebook - [Mark Secretariat](#) - This is the contact account for the [Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page](#)

Twitter - [@MarkMasonsHall](#)

Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk

Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2022 - All Orders

Please note all timings are approximate. Refer to the Summons for confirmation.

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Admission Fee	Monthly Rate	Alcohol Fees	Wine Treat	Summ Sheet
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 9 March 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
RSM	Grand Council	Thursday, 10 April 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
GC	Grand Secretar	Thursday, 3 May 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 0PL	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
KE	Grand Priory	Wednesday, 18 May 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
MARK	Grand Master's Ball	Tuesday, 7 June 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
BCC	Grand Master's Conclave	Tuesday, 5 July 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
MARK	Grand Master's Conclave	Tuesday, 13 September 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
MBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 8 September 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 0PL	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 20 October 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
OSM	Grand Council	Thursday, 26 November 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
RT	Grand Council	Thursday, 10 December 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00
RAM	Annual Assembly	Thursday, 17 December 2022	MMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AQ	£120.00	£200.00	£300.00	£100.00	£200.00

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

© MMH 2022

Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival



155th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Harrogate Conference Centre
Kings Rd
Harrogate
HG1 5LA
Saturday, 1 July 2023

[Click Here](#) to book



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](#).



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](#)

The Shop@86

[Click Here](#) to visit the Shop@86 website

Please note: The Shop@86 is closed for the summer recess and will re-open on Monday, 22 August.



MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

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

[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



All departments and teams at Mark Masons' Hall 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.

[///prefer.status.sharp](mailto://prefer.status.sharp)