

Freemasonry@86 News - 15 September 2022



We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family.

A message of condolence on behalf of all members of our Orders, has been sent by the Grand Secretary to Buckingham Palace.

The Summons for the first meeting of any Unit following this announcement should have a black border applied, and black ties should be worn.

A period of silent reflection should be observed immediately after the meeting has been opened.

Where Masonic buildings fly a Union flag, this should be flown at half-mast during the period of national mourning.

God Save The King.



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

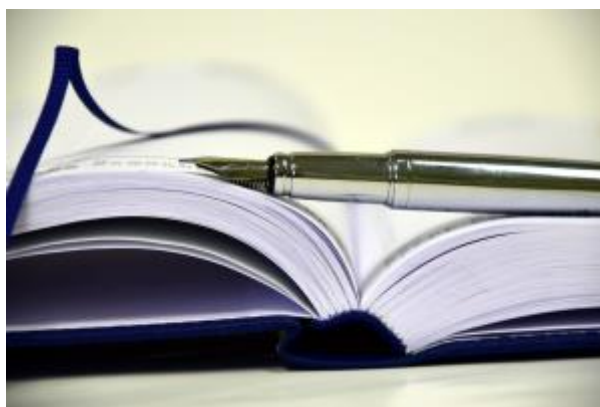
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Progressive Orders Diary



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, 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

Thursday, 22 September - Mark Installation of V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, P.G.J.O., as Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland

Saturday, 24 September - K.T. Family Service at Wells Cathedral - see further down for booking instructions

Monday, 26 September - K.T. Installation of E.Kt. Paul Jeffrey Davis, P.Gt.St.B.(B.), as Provincial Prior for Somerset

Wednesday, 28 September - R.A.M. Great Ouse Lodge of R.A.M. No. 607 Centenary, Province of Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford

Thursday, 29 September - Mark Remigius Lodge of M.M.M. No. 117 Sesquicentenary, Province of Lincolnshire

Friday, 30 September - Mark Perseverance Lodge of M.M.M. No. 723 Centenary, Province of Sussex

Friday, 30 September & Saturday, 1 October - S.C. visit to Toulouse

Saturday, 1 October - Mark Installation of V.W.Bro. David Charles Purdie, P.G.J.O., as Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire

Monday, 3 October - R.C.C. Installation of Ill.Kt. Alan Curley, P.G.Chamb., as Intendant-General for Dorset & Wiltshire

Tuesday, 4 October - Mark Hackworth Lodge of M.M.M. No. 761 Centenary, Province of Durham

Tuesday, 4 October - K.T. The New Temple Preceptory No. 117 Sesquicentenary, Province of London

Wednesday, 5 October - Mark Quantock Lodge of M.M.M. No. 749 Centenary, Province of Somerset

Thursday, 6 October - Mark The Furness Lodge of M.M.M. No. 36 Sesquicentenary, Province of West Lancashire

Friday, 7 October - A.M.D. Stayley Council No. 41 Centenary, District of Cheshire and North Wales

New Mark Rulers Installed



At a time when the nation in mourning the loss of our Queen, it was a difficult decision to make, should the meeting of Mark Grand Lodge go ahead? We new that we would not be blessed by the presence of our Grand Master, M.W.Bro. HRH Prince Michael of Kent, *G.C.V.O.* But, given the distances many had already committed to travel, and the amount of accommodation that had been booked by Brethren wishing to ensure themselves a timely arrival at the meeting, it was decided that the show must indeed go on.

And what a show it proved to be.



M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, the outgoing Pro Grand Master, had kindly agreed to preside over the meeting and represent the Grand Master for the Installation of all three new Rulers.

He was welcomed into the Grand Temple with warm and rousing applause and settled into the Presiding Officer's chair to open Grand Lodge and commence the business of the day.

The Grand Chaplain V.W.Bro. The Rev. Justin Parker, delivered two special prayers, one for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the other for our new King, Charles III, and the Brethren stood to Order in quiet and solemn reflection.

Following other items of administrative business, M.W.Bro. Smith proceeded to Install our three new Rulers:

As Pro Grand Master – M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman



As Deputy Grand Master – R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer



As Assistant Grand Master – R.W.Bro. Professor Denovan Keith Wilson



Following these Installation, M.W.Bro. Prizeman took the Chair and invested all those Brethren inattendance who had been promoted this year in Mark Grand Rank.



In his closing remarks, M.W.Bro. Prizeman paid tribute to the Grand Master, who would have been celebrating his 40th Anniversary as our Grand Master at this meeting, before going on to read the address the Grand Master had prepared.

The meeting was then closed but there was one last duty to be performed. We had been joined in the Grand Temple by fanfare trumpeters from the London Banqueting Ensemble who had played the fanfares following the salutations to our Rulers.

As Brethren were called to Order, the trumpeters launched into the Gordon Jacob fanfare introduction to the National Anthem, before Grand Organist, Mario Rizzardi, took the lead on Freemasons' Hall's 1933 Willis Organ.

There aren't many places in England where you can hear such a large gathering of all male voices sing the National Anthem and Brethren were in particularly strong voice for this first massed singing of God Save The King, something which truly made the hairs in the back of the neck stand up.



As Brethren made their way into dine in the Grand Hall at the Connaught Rooms, there was an opportunity to purchase one of the specially manufactured commemorative Mark tokens, minted for the 40th Anniversary of our Grand Master, with his image on one side, and the Arms of Grand Lodge on the other.

For those not able to be present, they are now available via the Shop at Mark Masons' Hall at a cost of £10 each.



During the very enjoyable meal, we were accompanied by the London Banqueting Ensemble's full seven-piece orchestra who played a variety of tunes from their repertoire, with the Henry Wood 'Hornpipe from the Fantasia on British Sea Songs' getting some very enthusiastic audience participation.

They rounded off their performance with two of the Trumpeters descending from the Minstrel's Gallery to challenge each other in the Post Horn Gallop.



The formalities concluded with the Toast to The King, proposed by M.W.Bro. Prizeman. The R.W.Bro. Frank Spencer proposed the Toast to our new Pro Grand Master, who was keen to respond, thanking everyone for making the effort to attend and dine at such an emotional time, when the Nations focus is elsewhere.

He then retired from the Grand Hall to loud and appreciative applause and Brethren remained to talk and enjoy catching up with each other before making their various ways home.

We look forward to being back for the Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariner in December.



[Click Here](#) to visit the photo gallery.

With thanks to photographer, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, P.G.J.O.

A new Grand Master for the K.B.H.C.



Arriving at Mark Masons' Hall on Thursday, 8 September, no one could have foreseen what a momentous day this would become. Before news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had been announced, Knights of the Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City had gathered in the Grand Temple, not only to enjoy the Installation of the new Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, *JP*, but also to say a fond farewell to the outgoing Grand Master, Michael Edward Herbert, Presiding Officer, who was retiring after 11 years at the helm of this small and select Christian Order of Freemasonry.



M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert opened the meeting and took care of the first items of administrative business before investing with Honour and Dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City, Robert Anthony Henry Morrow, Grand Herald; and Knight Commander of the Holy City, Graham Leslie Flight, Grand Treasurer.

M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert then delivered a valedictory address, giving some historical insight into the origins of the Order and the English Constitution, before paying tribute to those he has enjoyed working closely with over the past 11 years.

He saved his final remarks to give a forecast about his successor, saying we will be "led by a first-class Grand Master who will be supported by a superb team. This will ensure that the Order prospers, and happiness will shine throughout the Order." The address was received by a standing ovation and lengthy applause.

The Installation then commenced and Dr Vivian Thomas, *JP*, was placed in the Chair as the new Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master. He thanked M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert for the way in which he had been Installed and his many years of service and devotion to our Order.

Few could have failed to be impressed by the dignity with which M.Em. & Revd. Kt. Herbert then processed out of the Grand Temple, unaccompanied, but to tremendous applause. As the doors closed behind him M.Em. & Revd. Thomas commented that this way of bidding farewell to a Past Ruler is one of great poignancy and emotion.

However, as is the way, it was straight back down to business and the Installation of the Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master, R.Revd.Kt. Dr John L.W. Wright, G.C.H.C., another devoted servant of the Order who has held this Office since 2014.



And then, one further high-profile appointment, a new Regional Grand Prefect for Avalon, Adrian Thorogood Jones, who succeeds R.Revd.Kt. Barry Desmond Burrige in command of this Prefecture which covers the Knights Templar Provinces of City & County of Bristol, Devonshire & Cornwall, Dorset & Wiltshire, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire, Hampshire & Isle of Wight, Monmouth & South Wales, Somerset and Worcestershire.

We then moved to the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers of the Year, Promotions in, and First Appointments to, Grand Rank.

In his closing address, Dr Viv Thomas paid tribute to his predecessor and set out some of his plans for the future of the Order.

The Knights then retired to the dining room to enjoy the after proceedings, before the terrible news of the passing of Her Majesty broke later that afternoon.

























Photo's courtesy of Revd.Kt. Chris Eley.

A new Provincial Prior for Sussex



On Saturday, 10 September, Colin Dann was installed as the Right Eminent Provincial Prior for the Province of Sussex by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T.

Brethren of the Province of Sussex and their guests started arriving at the Sussex Masonic Centre, Brighton, from 8.30 a.m.

There were many guests from other Provinces...



...as well as other Masonic Orders in Sussex.



On arrival we were greeted with coffee and bacon butties in true Sussex hospitality. Meanwhile, up in the Temple, rehearsals were underway for the installation of a new Provincial Prior.



The installation ceremony was conducted by the Most Eminent & Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T., in a very sincere manner. He was most ably assisted by his team of Great Officers, including the Great Marshal, Tim Wheeler.



The Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers entered in procession under an Arch of Steel.



The Installing Officer ascended his throne, appointed his Officers, opened a Chapter of Provincial Priory, and was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal. The banners of the Preceptories were paraded and the Roll of Preceptories called.



The Installing Officer then addressed the Knights on the purpose of the Meeting. The Great Marshal informed the Installing Officer that the Provincial Prior nominate, V. E. Kt. Colin Dann, P. Gt. Reg., was in attendance and requested to be Installed.



The Installing Officer directed that the Provincial Prior nominate be introduced in due form. The Great Marshal formed an escort, and the Provincial Prior nominate was introduced into the Chapter room under an Arch of Steel, preceded by the escort bearing the regalia on cushions.



The Installing Officer demanded to see the Patent of Appointment and directed that it be read. The Installing Officer then addressed the Provincial Prior nominate and enquired if he was ready and willing to undertake the duties of the Office.

The Great Prelate offered a prayer and the Provincial Prior nominate knelt and recited his Obligation. The Great Prelate raised the Provincial Prior nominate and conducted him to the East. The Provincial Prior nominate knelt and paid due homage to the M.E. & Supreme Grand Master, following which he was Invested and Installed.

The Great Prelate pronounced the Benediction, and the banner of the Province was placed in the East. The R.E. Provincial Prior was proclaimed from the West by the Great Herald and was saluted under the direction of the Great Marshal.

The Deputy Great Marshal then informed the Right Eminent Provincial Prior that the Provincial Sub Prior nominate E.Kt. Antony Craig (Tan) Rusby, P.Gt.A. -de-C., was in attendance and requested to be installed.



The Right Eminent Provincial Prior directed that the Provincial Sub Prior nominate be introduced in due form. The Deputy Great Marshal formed an Escort and the Provincial Sub-Prior nominate was introduced into the Chapter Room under an Arch of Steel, preceded by the escort bearing the Regalia on cushions.





The Provincial Prior demanded to see the Patent of Appointment and directed that it be read. The Right Eminent Provincial Prior addressed the Provincial Sub-Prior nominate and enquired if he was ready and willing to undertake the duties of the Office. The Great Prelate offered a prayer and the Provincial Sub-Prior nominate knelt and recited his Obligation. The Great Prelate raised the Provincial Sub-Prior nominate and conducted him to the East.

The Provincial Sub-Prior nominate knelt and paid homage to the Right Eminent Provincial Prior following which he was Invested and conducted to his seat. The Great Prelate pronounced the Benediction. The Provincial Sub-Prior was proclaimed by the Great Herald and saluted by the Knights of the Province under the direction of the Deputy Great Marshal.

The Great Marshal requested the Right Eminent Provincial Prior to confirm the appointment of Provincial Officers and replaced the Officers of the Installing Team by Provincial Officers.

The Right Eminent Provincial Prior addressed the Installing Officer thanking him and his team for such a wonderful ceremony. The Templars Hymn was sung while Alms were collected in aid of the St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

The Installing Officer retired under an Arch of Steel accompanied by the Officers of the Installing Team.



After the regular business of Provincial Priory had been concluded the Right Eminent Provincial Prior closed the Chapter of Provincial Priory and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung.



The Right Eminent Provincial Prior retired in procession under an Arch of Steel and greeted the honoured guests as they retired.



Afterwards the new Provincial Prior posed for a photograph with the Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers....



....and then posed for a photo with his new Sub Prior.



Well done to the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard who did an excellent job.



We then retired for refreshments...



...before sitting down to a most convivial meal at the Sussex Masonic Centre.



The Grand Master wished the Provincial Prior and the Province of Sussex every success in the future.



In his reply the Provincial Prior thanked the Grand Master and his team for a very special day and presented him and the Great Marshal with a small token of appreciation...



...and said how much he appreciated the support from the Heads of Other Orders in Sussex.



Article and photographs by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, P.Gt.Reg.

Poignant night as long distance Member becomes Eminent Preceptor of Sir William Marshall Preceptory No. 668



Tuesday, 6 September 2022, was a significant night to remember for the new Eminent Preceptor, Bernard Charles Patmore, of the Sir William Marshall Preceptory No. 668, who has been a Member of the Preceptory for quite a number of years whilst travelling from his home in Walsall, West Midlands to the Masonic Hall in Chepstow in the Province of Monmouthshire and South Wales, especially as, for a number of years, he has not been in the best of health.

The Installing Eminent Preceptor having been unable to attend through illness, the role of Installing Preceptor was undertaken by the Provincial Marshal, E.Kt. Carl Davies, Dep.Gt.Mar., who (despite having been given less than 2 hours notice) performed the two Ceremonies excellently and with great empathy for the new Eminent Preceptor who has mobility problems.

The superb and flawless Ceremony was attended by the Provincial Prior, Dr Paul Calderwood, who was accompanied by a number of the active Provincial Officers plus a number of Sir William Marshall Preceptory Members and Visiting Knights.

An excellent after-proceedings ensued, in which the Installing Preceptor was heartily congratulated on his performance by the Provincial Prior.

The new Eminent Preceptor introduced a Charity Initiative to the Preceptory in the form of William the Cat (a stuffed toy from the Rosslyn Chapel). The Cat, having been "Knighted" by the Provincial Prior and become "Sir William the Marshall Cat", will be the focus of the Initiative.





And on the previous evening...



Excellent co-incidence for new Eminent Preceptor of Holy Palestine Preceptory No. 502

On Monday, 5 September 2022, at the Swansea Masonic Hall, the new Eminent Preceptor David Dyer had a second significant moment in his Masonic career.

In 2017 David had become a Member of the Holy Palestine Preceptory when the Eminent Preceptor was E.Kt. Stephen Harries and the Chaplain was M.E.Kt Paul Clement, so it was an excellent coincidence on this occasion that (as a result of the Eminent Preceptor being unable to attend) the Installing Preceptor was E.Kt Stephen Harries P.Pr.A.-de-C., and the Chaplain was the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Clement.

The superb and flawless Ceremony was also attended by the Provincial Prior, Dr Paul Calderwood, who was accompanied by a number of the active Provincial Officers plus a number of Holy Palestine Preceptory Members and Visiting Knights.

An excellent After-proceedings ensued, in which the Installing Master was heartily congratulated on his performance by the Provincial Prior.





Provincial Priory of South America



The Knights Templar Province of South America in Florianópolis (South of Brazil) met last month and was very well supported at the meeting, as you can see from the picture below.

The Province has nine Preceptories and, because of the geographical scale of the Province, enjoys being in the unusual position of having two Provincial Sub-Priors to ensure the Province is well covered.

The Province was formed in 1914 but in 2019, some Preceptories were partitioned out to create a new Province of River Plate.



Northern Provincial Grand Masters go to the seaside

The Northern Provincial Grand Masters Weekend was hosted this year by R.W. Bro. Keith Beardmore, the Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire and his lovely wife June.



This annual event is held in one of the Northern Provinces each year and was this year held on 2 to 4 September at Lytham St Annes, on the West Lancashire coast just south of Blackpool. The venue hotel was the recently refurbished Clifton Arms, where we were greeted into our rooms by a bottle of sherry and a huge stick of Blackpool rock! Drinks, Dinner and more drinks followed before we all retired to bed on the Friday night.



Saturday is always a day to explore the local sights and attractions, as well as to share the company of our friends and partners from the other Provinces, and our visit to Lytham St Annes was no exception. After breakfast we boarded our coach to our first stop of the day, the Lytham St Annes Lifeboat Station, to see the RNLB 'Barbara Anne', which was partly funded by the M.B.F. and West Lancashire Mark Charities to the extent of £100,000. We were also treated to a presentation on the work done by the RNLI and the station itself by the Chairman of the Station and his team.



Next was the Lytham St Annes International Kite Festival, where annually some of the largest kites in the world are flown. What a display and awe inspiring site that turned out to be.



Then onwards to Blackpool's famous Pleasure Beach for a light lunch, before our surprise event of the day. Everyone thought it was going to be a ride on the 'Big One', the Pleasure Beach's huge roller coaster ride, but to the relief of a few in the party it instead turned out to be to the Pleasure Beach Arena to see the 'Rapture Hot Ice Show'. Billed as 'the most spectacular ice show in the world', it most certainly lived up to that reputation.



On the way back to the hotel we stopped at the newly installed statue of the beloved British comic Bobby Ball, recently unveiled in his adopted hometown of Lytham, before finally back to our hotel for Dinner.



Unfortunately several Northern Provincial Grand Masters were unable to join us this year, but this wonderful tradition will continue in 2023 when R.W.Bro. Ray Walton, the Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland takes up the reigns.

With thanks to R.W.Bro. Jim Steggle, Prov.G.M. for West Yorkshire

Essex Mark Awareness



Presentation Team L to R. Rob Whitfield, John Finlay Dep.Prov.G.M, Roger Davis and Bob Lawman

The Province of Essex held the third of its highly successful Mark Awareness Events at St. Giles Masonic Center in Colchester, with over 8 Craft men signing up on the day to join our Friendly Degree.

Happy 50th Anniversary to R.W.Bro. Michael Masters, P.G.J.W.



R.W.Bro. Frank Spencer was pleased to have as one of his last duties as Assistant Grand Master, the pleasure of presenting a 50 Year Certificate to R.W.Bro. Michael Masters, P.G.J.W.

The presentation took place in the Athlumney Lodge of RAM No 590 in Stourbridge where Michael was Elevated in 1972. The full Provincial Team of Rulers were present.

A hard working supporter of the Mark, Michael has held the Rank of P.G.J.W. since 2013.



Two more fiftieths, the District of The Netherlands, and one of its Brethren



On Saturday, 3 September, the Netherlands District Grand Lodge celebrated 50 years and on this special occasion, it was attended by over 100 Brethren, including the District Grand Master's from Germany and Belgium.

The occasion was further enhanced by the support by the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Frank Spencer, who took the opportunity to Present a 50 year Certificate to R.W.Bro. Robert Schultink, who was interviewed by the Assistant Grand Master about his life and Masonic career. This brought out many interesting facts, especially for the 10 Brothers, who, having joined the Mark Degree in the last 18 months, were unaware of the contribution that R.W.Bro. Robert had made to the Craft and the Mark Degree.

R.W.Bro. Robert received a field Appointment and was Promoted to Past Grand Senior Warden.











MBF talk at The Charity Lodge in Birmingham



The Charity Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 430 will be playing host to W. Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D., Charities Manager at Mark Masons' Hall, on Thursday, 29 September at 6pm at the Severn Street Masonic Temple, Birmingham.

Darren will be giving a talk on the wonderful work of the Mark Benevolent Fund, touching on grants made in and around the Province of Warwickshire and looking forward to their MBF Festival in July 2027.

For more details and to book in please contact Lodge Secretary, W. Bro. Michael Spencer, P.G.S.D., 07785 110963 or email mikeoptom2013@gmail.com



Oscars Happy Feet 2022 Update



Remember Oscar Grainger? Of course you do! Oscar celebrated his 9th birthday this week!

At 18 months Oscar was diagnosed with Spastic Diplegic Cerebral Palsy. This means Oscar has increased muscle tone in his legs which causes stiffness and difficulty with movement, coordination and balance. He uses specialised equipment and has daily physio to help him become more independent.

It was advised that Oscar is a good candidate for a procedure called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR). Without this life changing surgery Oscar will most likely need more invasive surgery as he grows, and he could lose more of his independence. Back in 2019 the Mark Benevolent Fund, along with the Province of Devonshire stepped in to help, awarding his family with £6,000 for specialist equipment for his.

I was thrilled to hear from his parents who told me he just won his school relay race. Happy Birthday Oscar! Run like the wind!

W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, Charities Manager, Mark Masons' Hall





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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.

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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	Published Time	Published Start	Published Finish	2022 Start	2022 Finish
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 28 March 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	1:00 PM	3:00 PM
MARK	Grand Council	Sunday, 28 April 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	2:30 PM	1:00 PM	4:30 PM
SC	Grand Sarabat	Thursday, 5 May 2022	Mark's Masonic Hall, London, WC2H 1JF	07:30 AM	11:30 AM	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	4:35 PM
KT	Grand Proxy	Wednesday, 18 May 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	4:30 PM
MARK	Grand Order (Invitation) 2022	Thursday, 7 June 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	2:30 PM	4:30 PM	6:00 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Sunday, 3 July 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	09:30 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
MARK	Grand Order (Invitation) 2022	Sunday, 11 September 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	1:00 PM	3:30 PM
MARK	Grand Proxy	Thursday, 18 September 2022	Mark's Masonic Hall, London, WC2H 1JF	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
MARK	Grand Council	Sunday, 25 October 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	3:30 PM	1:00 PM	4:30 PM
OSM	Grand Council	Thursday, 28 November 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	07:30 AM	11:30 AM	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	4:35 PM
KT	Grand Proxy	Sunday, 12 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	4:30 PM
MARK	Annual Assembly	Monday, 12 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JZ	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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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

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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.

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