

# Freemasonry@86 News - 14 October 2022



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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, 15 October - AMD** Installation of W.Bro. Sqn. Ldr. Robert William Chevin, P.G.J.D., as District Grand Prefect for Thames Valley

**Saturday, 15 October - S.C.** Installation of Dist.Comp. Drs Andries Johannes Van Der Burgh, IV, P.G.Her., as Provincial Grand Summus for Sussex

**Tuesday, 18 October - Mark** The Skelmersdale Lodge No. 141 Sesquicentenary, Province of East Lancashire

**Wednesday, 19 October - Mark** Hotspur with Coquetdale No. 135 Sesquicentenary, Province of Northumberland

**Wednesday, 19 October - Mark** Shorncliffe and Hythe Lodge No. 767 Centenary, Province of Kent

**Wednesday, 19 October - Mark** The Wyre Lodge No. 754 Centenary, Province of West Lancashire

**Thursday, 20 October - Mark** Installation of W.Bro. Kevin Spencer, P.G.J.D., as Prov.G.M. for Staffordshire and Shropshire

**Saturday, 22 October - Mark** Province of Kent Sesquicentenary

**Tuesday, 25 October - A.M.D.** Annual meeting of Grand Council, F.M.H. London

**Wednesday, 26 October - R.A.M.** St Nicholas Lodge of R.A.M. No. 540 Centenary, Province of Devonshire

**Friday, 28 October - Mark** St. David's Lodge of M.M.M. No. 38 Sesquicentenary, Province of North Wales

## A new Provincial Prior for Somerset



For the second time this year the Province of Somerset was graced with the presence of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T.

The first was for our 175th Anniversary celebration in March when a Charity Gala Dinner was held and large donations made to three chosen Charities, the primary one being the Jerusalem Eye

Hospital. Like the Family Cathedral Service to be held at Wells this event should have taken place in 2021 but due to the dreaded Covid pandemic had to be postponed.

Fortunately, the re-scheduling of the Cathedral Service for this year worked in our favour as our annual Provincial Priory meeting was the following Monday when it was planned for our then Provincial Prior to hand over to his successor.

Unfortunately, as we now know R.E.Kt. Barry Desmond Burridge, K.C.T., received the call of our Great Captain on 24 September just before he could realise his final accomplishment of attending the Cathedral Family Service in Somerset. In the current era of our Order, he holds the second longest term as Provincial Prior for Somerset.



Consequently, with the Grand Master and his Officers already being in Somerset it enabled them to spend a long weekend in our glorious part of England, and attend to our Installation Meeting on the Monday, whilst their wives/partners made a visit Rich's Cider Farm and to take luncheon there.

After dialogue with MMH, advice from the Great Marshal and rigorous planning, the arrangements were set to receive the Grand Master and his Installation Team on Monday 26 September. The venue was set up on the preceding evening and Knights arrived early the next morning to participate in the rehearsal(s).

All Knights having taken their places in the Temple the Installing Officer and his Assisting Officers entered in Procession under an Arch of Steel.

There followed a period of prayer and reflection in remembrance of R.E.Kt. Barry Desmond Burridge, K.C.T., with the M.E. & S.G.M. recollecting the endeavours he had achieved not only in Somerset but in our Order at all levels.

The M.E. & S.G.M. resumed by addressing the Knights on the purpose of the Meeting, recalling the history of the Province since the first Preceptory being opened in 1772 at Bridgwater and the

creation of the Province of Somersetshire in 1846; its advancement into Monmouth, then South Wales and finally returning to Somerset in 1953.

Moving on to the next chapter in the history of the Province, E.Kt. Paul Jeffery Davis was introduced into the Chapter Room under an Arch of Steel and his patent of appointment read aloud before he was required to recite his obligation and to pay homage to the M.E. & S. Grand Master. After being placed in his chair the Great Prelate pronounced the Benediction.

The Banner of the Province having been unfurled and placed in the East, the Right Eminent Provincial Prior was proclaimed by the Great Herald and saluted by the Knights present.

At this stage the Provincial Sub-Prior (nominate) E.Kt. Raymond Alan Sheppard was introduced into the Chapter Room under an Arch of Steel and his patent of appointment read aloud before he was required to recite his obligation and to pay homage to the Right Eminent Provincial Prior. After being placed in his chair the Great Prelate pronounced the Benediction.



1 - M.E. & S.G.M. Paul R. Clement, G.C.T., with R.E.Kt. Paul J. Davis and E.Kt. Ray Shepard the Provincial Sub-Prior

The Investiture of the Provincial Officers followed with the Great Vice-Chancellor read out the names of Knights to be invested as active Officers for the coming year, and those receiving promotion.



E.Kt. D.J.Hinder was re-appointed as Commander of the Right Eminent Provincial Prior's Bodyguard, together with E.Kt. W.P.H.Blinston as Deputy Commander and Bro.Kt. M.Caswell as Registrar. The Knights of the Bodyguard were acknowledged for their commitment and proficiency and the Right Eminent Provincial Prior said that he would congratulate them individually in their own Preceptories.



At this point the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master and the Installing Team retired thereby enabling the Right Eminent Provincial Prior to conduct essential Provincial Priory business.

The Right Eminent Provincial Prior gave his address including a welcome to all our distinguished guests and Heads of Orders, adding that due to time constraints he could not do them justice by individually acknowledging them, but it is wonderful to see them all here –guaranteed that next year they would get due recognition.

All business having been completed the Provincial Prior closed the Chapter of Provincial Priory, concluding with the first verse of the National Anthem, heartily sung in welcome to our new Monarch, the King.



2 - M.E. & S.G.M. Paul R. Clement, G.C.T., with R.E.Kt. Paul J. Davis and the Great Priory Installing Team

Luncheon followed, culminating with the Loyal and other Toasts and presentations to the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, the Great Prelate, the Great Vice-Chancellor and the Great Marshal.





## Provincial Priory of Surrey - Service of Rededication and Thanksgiving



The Biennial Church Service this year was held at the lovely old Church of St Mary's in Thorpe. We received a very warm welcome back to Thorpe by the Vicar, Revd. Damian Miles and his team.

It is impossible to say exactly when St. Mary's Church was built, although portions of the building are of venerable antiquity which leads one to believe it is a Medieval Church. In 1963 a Roman cinerary urn, dated to 120 -150 A.D. was discovered buried in the Churchyard, establishing that this site has been of religious significance for nearly 1900 years. The beginnings of the Church seen today may have been instigated by Abbot Hugh in 1110. The present Church building, with earliest sections dated around the 10th/11th century, is part of the conservation area along with several other listed and protected buildings, possibly dating from the 17th century onwards.



Permission for the Province to use the Church had been given by the Vicar, Revd. Damian Miles, who opened the service by warmly welcoming everyone present.



Including from the Craft Province of Surrey, Em.Kt. David Olliver, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, seen here with V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, Past Provincial Marshal, brought out of retirement to head up the ceremonial.



After the first hymn the Confession and the Collect were led by Revd. Damian Miles. The Bible reading, Ephesians 6:10-18, was by our Provincial Sub Prior, Em. Knight Peter Brown.

A very thought-provoking Address was given by Revd. Damian Miles.



After singing the Templar's Hymn, For all the Saints, the Provincial Prior, Rt.Em. Knight Patrick P Crossan, read the Precepts of the Order. Revd. Damian Miles led the prayers for the State, the Church, the World, for those in need, for for the departed, and for the Order. The carefully chosen hymns were not only very appropriate to the Christian Precepts of the Masonic Knights Templar Order but all very well known.

It was good to see our Grand Superintendent, District 15, of the Knights Templar Priests, Em.Kt. Jack Love with us; seen here posing with our Provincial Prior and Revd. Damian Miles after the service.





As well as many Knights of the Province and their partners,



To end a very enjoyable afternoon, the Knights of the Province of Surrey gathered outside for splendid cream tea organised by the ladies of the church.

Many thanks to Revd. Damian Miles and his team for making us feel so welcome.

*Article and photos by Chris Eley*



## K.T. side plates



Robyn Murdo-Smith has been keeping busy, producing these Non Nobis Domine side plates to accompany his previously advertised Non Nobis Domine goblets. Robyn produces these items to help raise funds for the Eye Hospital, and with a four-week order period, there's still time to get your orders in for delivery before Christmas.

You can email Robyn for more details and to order your plates at [robynurdosmith@gmail.com](mailto:robynurdosmith@gmail.com)

## Grand Sovereign's visit to Brabo Conclave No. 405



On 8 October, the Grand Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine, accompanied by Deputy Marshal Dries Van Der Burgh and members of the Grand Sepulchre Guard, travelled to Antwerp to visit Brabo Conclave No. 405; one of the ten Conclaves forming the Division of Benelux under the English Constitution.

This was an emergency meeting held especially to install as a Knight of the Order Most Worshipful Brother Daniel Bauwens the Grand Master of the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium.

The meeting was also attended by the District Grand Master for the Mark in Belgium also the D.G.M.M. of the Operatives for Northern Europe, The District Grand Master for the Mark in the Netherlands, the Grand Master of the K.T. of the Netherlands and the Grand Master of the Grand Priory of Belgium and its Prefectures. A veritable galaxy of Brethren, three of whom are officers in the Conclave.

The Grand Sovereign performed the accolade for the new Knight and was afterwards made an Honorary Member of the Conclave.

The meeting was followed by an excellent meal at the Masonic centre and a very enjoyable day was had by all who attended.

Pictured l to r below are:

Christos Katharios, Conclave Viceroy

Georgios Kritikos, Intendant-General for Benelux

The Grand Sovereign

Daniel Bauwens

Panos Giotopoulos, Conclave Most Puissant Sovereign

And then with other members and visitors.



## A Royal and Select visit to Kent



On Saturday, 1 October 2022, a delegation from Surrey drove down the M2 to Gillingham to attend the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of the Kent in the Order of the Royal and Select Masters.

After parking up in the Masonic Hall, Franklin Road in Gillingham, we popped round the corner for breakfast, where we were joined by a few more Cryptic Masons from other Districts.



Suitable replenished we made our way back to the Masonic Hall where the District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Trevor Marley Sharpe was warmly greeting all his guests.





We all met up in the bar for coffee and a chat before getting ready for the meeting.



The meeting was very well supported by other Districts with 7 District Grand Masters attending, along with their Companions, plus Heads of Other Orders.



The meeting was called to order by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ill.Comp. Anthony Lewis, to receive the Distinguished Guests of the District



The District Grand Master then entered in procession preceded by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Grand Banner Bearer.



District Grand Council was opened, and the Companions stood to observe a moment of silence in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. 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, III.Comp. Andrew Dive, and re-appointing as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work V.III.Comp. Ron Jakes.



There were 22 appointments and promotions in District Grand Rank.

After the District Grand Master had invested his Officers the District Grand Master said that they held three Silver Trowel Ceremonies this year and congratulated those who have received their

Silver Trowel. He had much pleasure in presenting Silver Trowel Certificates to several Companions of the District. Here we have Ill. Comp. John Rudd with his Certificate.



The District Grand Master then addressed District Grand Council. He gave a warm welcome to all attending today and said how pleased he was to see so many Companions present. He thanked everyone for attending and supporting the District Grand Council of Kent. He congratulated those who received Grand Rank at the meeting of Grand Council, as well as those he had appointed and invested today.

He was delighted that, despite the challenges of the past couple of years, they have welcomed 16 new Companions into the Order, an average of two per Council, and encouraged everyone to seek out new members.

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. 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.





... greeting his honoured guests on the way out.



... before we retired for pre-lunch drinks.



It was a very convivial lunch with good food and good company.





After the meal the Deputy District Grand Master proposed the Toast to the District Grand Master and presented him and his wife with small tokens of their appreciation. The District Grand Master thanked the Companions of the District and proposed a toast to their visitors.

Then, the District Grand Master then retired from the festive board.

*Article and photographs by Chris Eley*



## A stellar centenary at Stayley



A bumper night was had at Stayley Council No. 41, Hyde on 7 October when the Council celebrated its Centenary in the presence of the Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson.

To mark the event a celebratory booklet was produced by the Lodge Secretary, W.Bro. David Smith who was promoted, on the night, to the Rank of P.G.J.D. by the Grand Master.

Earlier W.Bro. David Bradbury had been promoted to the Rank of Past District Grand Junior Warden by the District Grand Prefect.

To add to what was already a very special occasion, R.W.Bro. Benjamin Addy was presented with a Grand Council Certificate to Celebrate his 50 Years in Allied Degrees. The Certificate was presented by the Grand Master in a wonderfully relaxed manner with both the Grand Master and R.W.Bro. Ben Addy reminiscing of the happy times they have enjoyed over the past 50 years.

What a happy and enjoyable evening.

*With thanks to R.W.Bro. Peter Talbot, District Grand Prefect for Cheshire and North Wales*





## Banbury Cross Scarlet Cord Consistory No. 87



On Wednesday, 28. September 2022, the Banbury Cross Scarlet Cord Consistory No. 87 had a Meeting to celebrate its 10th Anniversary. The President, Dist.Comp. Joseph Seymour, welcomed the Provincial Grand Summus – R.Dist.Comp. Silverio L. Ostrowski – into the Consistory, accompanied by 12 active Provincial Officers. The Chair was taken by R.Dist.Comp. S.L. Ostrowski who paid a tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II and the Meeting stood in respect to her memory.

The Agenda was pursued whereby two Brethren were Admitted into the Consistory, they were Bros. Philip E. Hiles and Ivor R. Hawkins. Following a very good Ceremony, the Recorder - V.Dist.Comp. Chris J. Davis, gave a brief history of the Consistory's Consecration and its progress since following it. This was received warmly by the attendees. The Provincial Grand Summus congratulated the Consistory and said he looked forward to the next few decades and wished good fortune to the Members for further development of the Consistory.

The Festive Board was an Indian Menu which was enjoyed by all. The Consistory had formed a tradition that after all the rehearsals and CoIs many of the Companions would decamp and go for a curry. So it was thought appropriate to have an Indian Menu for this celebratory meeting. The whole evening was an occasion of *bonhomie*, fraternity and conviviality.

Pictured above are those Founders of the Consistory that were present;

And below, Provincial Officers in attendance; and Members of the Consistory in attendance.

With thanks to R.Dist.Comp. Silverio L. Ostrowski, Dist.G.S.







## MBF Funds Cornwall Scouts with vital Security Equipment



This summer MBF Trustee and Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall, R.W.Bro. Kevin Hicks was joined by R.W.Bro. John Bell, P.G.J.W., President of the MBF, at the Kernow Jamboree to celebrate a grant of £9,460 to the Cornwall Scouts to purchase new communications equipment for 'Kernow 2022' - Cornwall's International Jamboree for Scouts & Guides, and future events.

Jon Arnold, Finance Lead of the Kernow Jamboree said, 'Cornwall Scouts and the Kernow Jamboree event team would like to thank the Mark Benevolent Fund for their generous donation. Whilst we've hired radios in the past, this very kind donation enabled us to have our own private network, which was vital for us to deliver an exciting, multi-location, programme, packed with adventure to over 1000 young people from across Cornwall and the UK, safely –giving them opportunities to learn key life skills in a safe, secure and fun environment. The radios will also be used to support events for years to come, helping us to deliver a balanced, exciting and safe programme to thousands of Scouts in Cornwall, helping to give them Skills for Life.'

The radios have already been used again, as vital equipment for Operation Feather, which saw Cornish Scouters lead and manage more than 150 Scout Network and Young Leaders, from across the UK, as they stewarded, helped and supported the 'Lying in State' queue for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Just another example of how important this equipment will be for the Scout Movement in Cornwall and beyond.













**Scouts**

**Cornwall**





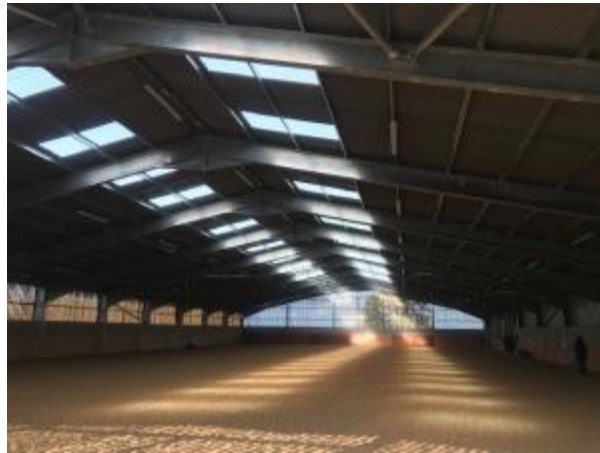
## Horsley, Bookham & Leatherhead Riding for the Disabled Association



Following a grant from the MBF for £18,500 to the Horsley, Bookham & Leatherhead Riding for the Disabled Association work was completed on the roof of the magnificent purpose-built arena.

The facilities include a classroom and viewing area. The overall build costs were £2,000,000. Para Olympian show jumper Sophie Christianson, winner of 13 World and Olympic Gold medals was the guest of honour officially opened the centre.

W.Bro. Steve Jones, the Surrey Provincial Grand Charity Steward, was on hand to represent the MBF.



## This month's update from our friends at the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

A photograph of a young girl with red hair in pigtails, wearing a red dress with white polka dots and glasses. She is looking at a tablet computer held by a person in a white lab coat. The person's face is obscured by a black mask. The background is a plain white wall. Below the photo is a yellow banner with the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group logo and the text 'Knights Templar Newsletter'. Below the banner is a black box with the text 'Autumn Update' and a list of items inside the newsletter.

**St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group** **Knights Templar Newsletter**

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**Autumn Update**

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support for our work – we have received many kind donations from the Knights Templar which go a long way to supporting our services.

As we settle into autumn, we have another hospital update in this edition as well as some exciting events!

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## A Minute's Silence for HM Queen Elizabeth II

St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is deeply saddened to hear of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and we extend our deepest condolences to the Royal Family. Throughout her reign, the Queen demonstrated extraordinary dedication and steadfast commitment to duty - Her Majesty was Sovereign of the Most Venerable Order of St John for more than 70 years. Many will mourn her, despite not knowing her personally, and pay their respects to the Sovereign of the Most Venerable Order, who has been constant throughout our lives.

Dr. Ahmad Ma'ali, CEO of St John Eye Hospital, represented the Group at the funeral of Her Majesty, alongside the Lord Prior, Prof. Mark Compton, and Nakkita Charaj, a St John Ambulance volunteer.

Dr. Ma'ali's story with St John began in 1960, when he joined St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital as a student nurse, before being admitted to the Order of St John in 2000 and later promoted to Commander in 2016. Dr Ma'ali said it was 'a great honor' to be part of the congregation for Her Majesty's funeral service at Westminster Abbey.



The Staff at St John Eye Hospital held a minute's silence followed by a short service of prayer in the hospital Chapel to pay their respects.



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## Hospital Update

### A visit from President Biden

During his recent visit to Jerusalem, President Biden visited the East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN) and was greeted by the CEO of each hospital including our own CEO, Ahmad Ma'ali. The President was exceedingly impressed to hear that the St. John Eye Hospital was the first ophthalmic Hospital established in the Middle East in 1852 and was celebrating 140th years of service this year.

In his speech, President Biden emphasized the role played by the East Jerusalem Hospital Network in meeting the healthcare needs of its patients. He spoke kindly about the impact of great healthcare - both in meeting patients' medical needs as well as giving them the drive to recover.

### Medical Training

We would like to congratulate the following doctors for completing fellowships:

- Dr. Shweiki has completed a two-year internal fellowship in medical and surgical retina.
- Dr. Junaidi started a one-year pediatric fellowship in Canada which is due to finish in summer 2023.
- Dr. Ma'ari completed a 7-month fellowship at Arafat Hospital in Tel Aviv.

### Gaza Update

The most recent war on Gaza lasted 3 days and resulted in 49 fatalities and 300 injuries. On the 10<sup>th</sup> May, we increased the number of surgical sessions performed at the hospital from 8 to 12 per week, including 2 weekend sessions. Due to increased demand, the number of cataract surgeries performed has almost doubled.

Currently, there are 500 patients waiting for surgery, most of whom are refugees. Our staff are continuing to work hard and do the very best for their patients.

We are pleased to announce that an Ophthalmic Nurse Assistant Course has commenced in Gaza for 15 students.



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## Events and Fundraising Calendar

### 2<sup>nd</sup> November: St John Eye Hospital Autumn Concert

We welcome you to join us for an autumn concert with London City Brass, in aid of St John Eye Hospital. Tickets are £12 and include tea and coffee in the interval. This will be an evening to remember with two epic sets from London City Brass! London City Brass is a progressive, enthusiastic band who rehearse in the City of London. The band is made up of players from various backgrounds and a wide age range.

Tickets can be bought at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/london-city-brass-autumn-concert-tickets-415841672637>



### 5<sup>th</sup> December: The Guild Gift of Sight Fair, Chelsea Old Town Hall - Save the date!

The annual Gift of Sight Fair, hosted by the Guild will take place at Chelsea Old Town Hall.

Expect a variety of stalls and festive cheer – the event is sure to be a great success!

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased on the door or online at:

<https://tickets.oa.uk/gift-of-sight-fair-guild-of-st-john-eye-hospital-tickets-589172>



### 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 St John's Eye Hospital's vital sight-saving work. The Walk invites participants to walk 5 miles (10km) in an 'XGroup' of 10 walkers, or as individuals to cover 50 miles (100km) as a 'Solo Walker'.

Visit the Youth website for more information and to register a group:

<https://www.sjeh.org.uk/news-events/special/walk/> or contact [youth@sjeh.org.uk](mailto:youth@sjeh.org.uk)

## 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.stjohnseyehospital.org](http://www.stjohnseyehospital.org)

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 593 6963.

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.



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### Merchandise

We have a variety of merchandise available to buy through our website here:

[St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group Shop \(stjohnseyehospital.org/\)](http://StJohnofJerusalemEyeHospitalGroupShop.stjohnseyehospital.org/)

Or send a cheque with a note of the items you'd like to purchase to our office address.

All Christmas cards are £5 for packs of 10! See below for our newest cards!



'A Child is Born'

Inside message:  
'Merry Christmas'



'Santa's Helpers'

Inside message:  
'Wishing you a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year'



'Festive Robbers'

Inside message:  
'Season's Greetings'



'Stained Glass Window'

Inside message:  
'Christmas Blessings'



'Winter Village'

Inside message:  
'Season's Greetings'



'Bethlehem Evening'

Inside message:  
'Wishing you a Merry Christmas'



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Those with easy access to London may also be interested in the event below. Tickets can be purchased by [Clicking Here](#)

ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL PRESENTS

**LONDON CITY BRASS  
AUTUMN CONCERT**

This will be an evening to remember with two epic sets from London City Brass! London City Brass is a progressive, enthusiastic band who rehearse in the City of London, made up of players from various backgrounds and a wide age range. This concert is hosted by St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, who provide quality eye care to all in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

**E12 PER TICKET  
INC. TEA AND COFFEE**

SCAN TO BUY TICKETS

**DATE**  
2nd NOVEMBER, 2022  
Wednesday  
7:00pm

**VENUE**  
CRYPT ON THE GREEN  
St James' Church,  
Clerkenwell

St John of Jerusalem  
Eye Hospital Group

[www.stjohnseyehospital.org](http://www.stjohnseyehospital.org)

## Rochdale Children's Moorland Home gets a helping hand from The Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund



The Red Cross of Constantine Division of North & East Lancashire along with the members of the St Helena Conclave No. 312 were delighted to hand the Rochdale Children's Moorland Home a grand sum of £2,500 to help with the funding of a new laptop and pay from transport for the children's seaside trips.

The home is run by Alison Starrs and operates between March and September. It is a non-profit making charity and is free to users. Donations and contributions from those that use the service are welcomed.

The home is based at Nab Farm, just to the north of Rochdale, where they have been since 1925 and can accommodate up to 30 people on a daily basis and 18 people for overnight stays using our dormitories.

The charity that provides free holidays (and clothing) for children from some very poor back grounds. They take care of 300 children a year including around 10 children a week from Social Services for 10 weeks of our season. The service been provided almost none stop for around 128 years.

### **Charity History**

They started providing holidays in 1894, less than a mile away, in a farmhouse called Clay Clough just south of the present home. The founders were the Voluntary Aid Society which started on the 31st of October of 1892 providing help for families who were in the most dreadful poverty and circumstances.

The Society provided food, clothing, coal and cloth and gave away over 100 pairs of clogs and stockings in their first few months of that winter. The Society found work for some families and they even tried to get doctors on board to provide help as there were no Social Services and no National Health in those days.

Their first act of kindness was to hold a party for two hundred children in a Unitarian church school hall in Rochdale. 330 children were fed and entertained that day and they held several other children's parties in the following months.



Today, The Rochdale Children's Home receives no government or council funding. All income comes from donations and in house fund-raising efforts. The cost to run the home is in excess of £50,000 a year.

W.Bro. Gary Bradbury, Home Treasurer said, 'On behalf of our Committee, I would like to thank you again for your generous donation. This will make such a difference to the children and provide the much-needed technology to run our charity more effectively.'

Pictured above, left to right: V.Ill.Kt. Bob Skelly, W.Bro. Gary Bradbury, Home Treasurer, R.Ill.Kt. Stephen Bolton, Intendant-General Division of North and East Lancashire, Home Manager Alison Starrs and Ill.Kt. Carl Buckley, P.G.Chamb. representing St Helena Conclave No.312.



 **Grand Sovereign's Care  
for Children Fund**

**NORTH & EAST LANCASHIRE**

**MOORLANDS CHILDREN'S HOME**

*Working with St  
Helena Conclave  
No.312 funding  
a new laptop  
and  
seaside trips*

**£2,500**

*Ryan A. Williams*  
Ryan A. Williams  
Grand Recorder

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## 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](mailto: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 Free	Refreshments	Meeting Fee/Rate	2022 Fee	2022 Fee
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 16 March 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£1.00 (A)	£10.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
WMM	Grand Council	Sunday, 20 April 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
SC	Grand Secretariat	Thursday, 5 May 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
KT	Grand Priory	Wednesday, 18 May 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 7 June 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
RCC	Grand Imperial Chapter	Sunday, 1 July 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 11 September 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£1.00 (A)	£10.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
MMAC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 19 September 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
MMI	Grand Council	Sunday, 26 October 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£1.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
MMI	Grand Council	Thursday, 26 November 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
KT	Grand Priory	Sunday, 11 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£1.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
MMI	Annual Assembly	Monday, 11 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	£10.00 (A)	£10.00 (P)	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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## Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival



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



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**Mark Emergency Relief Fund**

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](#)

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## 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.

## 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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