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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, 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

Thursday, 3 November - K.T. Roffa's Camp Preceptory No 225 Centenary, Province of Kent

MBF 2022 Q3 Review

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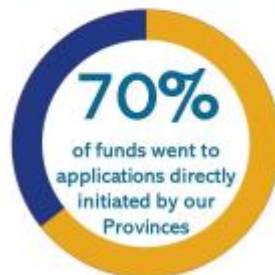
Mark Benevolent Fund

Q3 Review
July – September 2022

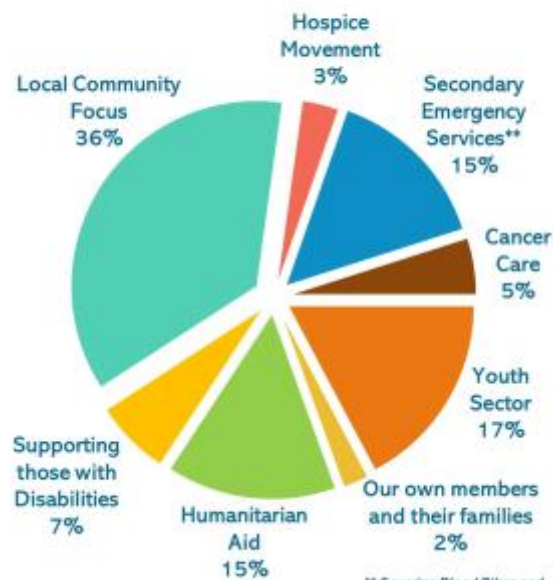


Fund Activity Summary

£33,400 - Supporting those with Disabilities
£75,000 - Humanitarian Aid
£87,528 - Youth Sector
£11,138 - Our own members and families
£184,208 - Local Community Focus
£74,552 - Secondary Emergency Services
£16,102 - Hospice Movement
£25,000 - Cancer Care



At a Glance...

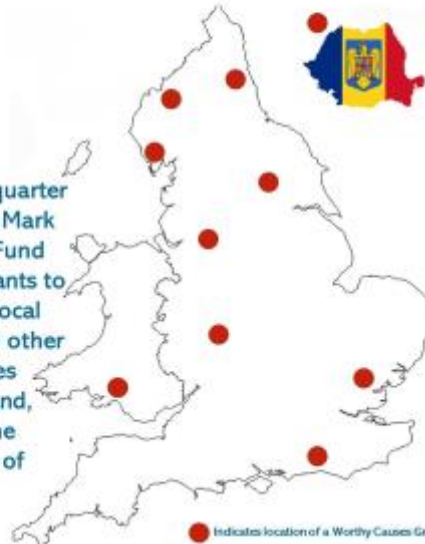


** Covering Blood Bikes and Volunteer Life Brigade



£506,928

In the third quarter of 2022 the Mark Benevolent Fund made 16 Grants to individuals, local charities and other worthy causes across England, Wales and the Inspectorate of Romania.



£100,000

In 2020 the MBF pledged funding to the Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital charity to go towards the fitting out of counselling rooms in a new £1.5m neo natal bereavement centre called Woodland House.

The charity reached its fundraising goal earlier this year and representatives of the MBF along with the Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire, R.W.Bro. Philip Wills and W.Bro. Nigel Clemson, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, joined the team in the ground-breaking ceremony.

The centre is expected to open in the autumn of 2023. This pledge was made very early in the fundraising process and inspired other organisations to make their donations.





£46,090

R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson presented a Cheque for £46,090 to Angela Dixon, CEO & Susan Dust, the Office Manager of the Millom Network Centre on behalf of the MBF, following a break-in at their premises when their van was also stolen and vandalised.

The charity in South Cumbria acts as a supplier of furniture and household goods to those in need who don't have the funds to purchase them. It also acts as a foodbank and food distribution centre.

The Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, presented the cheque for the Millom Network Centre to R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund at their Sesquicentenary Celebration on 6 August 2022.



£38,118

This grant was for the purchase of an electric van. One of their vans is reaching the end of its useful life and they are looking for funding to replace it.

In line with the move to provide more eco-friendly means of transport the funding for an electric van will allow them to deliver to clients around the whole county.



St Peter & St James Hospice
Hospice care in the heart of Sussex

£16,102

The hospice needs to move the existing In-Patient Unit Nurse Station, which is out of sight of many of the bedrooms. It will create a new integrated unit closer to the main hub of all the bedrooms and nursing activity.



£18,801

The charity had one of its bikes stolen while working in the region. It was later found badly damaged, leaving Blood Bikes Manchester with only three bikes to cover over 500 square miles.

The bike was able to be repaired but had over 85,000 miles on the clock. It was already nearing the end working life and they would look to retire it sooner than expected given its condition. The MBF stepped up to replace the bike.



£87,528

A grant of £87,528 was made to The Rock Youth Project, Currock and Uppery in Carlisle, to build their new Club House. They were in desperate need of financial support so they could replace the dilapidated, vermin infested wooden huts that they operate from in order to keep young and vulnerable children off the streets and out of trouble at night.

The result of the application was revealed to R.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride at his investiture as the new Mark Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland on 22nd September 2022, by M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, our new Pro Grand Master, on behalf of the MBF.



£55,751

The Brigade provides a 24-hour, 365-day, multi-disciplinary, shore-based, coastal rescue service. The rescue team is a declared facility to HM Coastguard and represents the Coastguard Rescue Service in the North Tyneside and Newcastle area. The brigade currently has twenty-three members and responds to an average of 120 callouts per year. The purchase of a second rescue vehicle and radio equipment will enable them to operate more effectively.



**Lennox
Children's
Cancer Fund**



£25,000

The charity provides practical and financial support for children and their families experiencing the trauma and heartache of a childhood cancer diagnosis. The funds will strengthen their emotional support service by providing therapy 'Treasure Boxes' alongside professional counselling to a child with cancer and their family.



£33,400

Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby Club was set up in 1989 by Keith Jones and Paul Jenkins. It was established by people who loved the game and wanted to create sporting and rehabilitation opportunities for people with a disability. The club is run by volunteers, parents and ex-players.

The club was in need of 4 new wheelchairs, replacement wheels for another 11 players chairs and new innertubes. The wheels are now in need of being replaced due to the contact battering they have received on the pitch.



• Four of our Masonic Widows received grants to help with the rigours of daily living. As the cost of living crisis starts to bite every penny now makes a difference. Are you struggling to make ends meet? Speak to your Lodge Almoner for more details.

• W.Bro. M received an emergency grant to help with immediate family costs. This Brother had sadly lost his wife leaving him with young children to care for as well as holding down a full-time job. Members of the Province also rallied round to helping ease the burden on him. As this is an emergency grant the MBF Petitions Committee will review his case once the result of his MCF application is known.

Did you know that you should also initiate an application to the MBF at the same time as making an application to the MCF? Ask your Lodge Almoner or Provincial Grand Almoner for further information.



Earlier this year at the Communication of Mark Grand Lodge, the Pro Grand Master announced that the MBF would be providing financial support to the Inspectorate of Romania to help fund its relief work for Ukrainian refugees. The Inspectorate has been working closely with government agencies to provide, among other things:

- special tents for more than 20 people
- electrical heating devices
- beds and blankets
- personal hygiene products
- emergency medical and small surgery kits
- antibiotics and other different medicines
- Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- food and water



This tremendous endeavour has touched Freemasons across the Constitution and many of our Brethren have been keen to add their own support by making a donation.



155th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Harrogate Conference Centre

Kings Rd
Harrogate
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Saturday, 1 July 2023

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150 Years of the Rose and Thistle Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 158.

Another great and special night to look forward to, not so far to go this time. Set off early as usual, didn't even make it up the on ramp to the M60, there's a new master plan from the Highways Dept, traffic lights. I kid you not, at the top of the ramp we now have some nice new lights which let two cars through at a time.!! No I'm not kidding, what another brilliant idea probably from the same genius that came up with Smart Motorways.

Ah well if they keep coming up with these great ideas I'm going to have to set off in the morning, my usual rant over let's get on with the meeting. Once we got going it was a pretty good trip until we found ourselves in a back alley, after peeping through the fence I guessed that the hall was in fact on the other side and had a large car park, soon found the entrance, got my bag out, and just to make me feel at home it was pouring.



Once inside went for my usual mooch about to find what a really nice building it was, lots of space and rooms to get changed in, there was a table laid out with cups, milk and sugar and a really pleasant chap serving up tea and coffee. Before too long members and guests started arriving, I found our own Prov.G.M. R.W.Bro. Keith Beardmore in company with a special guest for this once only meeting, R.W.Bro. Prof. Donovan K Wilson, Assistant Grand Master and the Dep.G.D.C. W.Bro. Andy Brown, along with our own Dep.Prov.G.M., V.W.Bro. Geoffrey Lee; A.Prov.G.M., W.Bro. Giles Berkley; V.W.Bro. John Bicknell and last but not least W.Bro. Mike Pinckhard the Prov. Grand Secretary. This gave me the opportunity to get a couple of pictures before the meeting started.



The meeting opened on time at 6pm and following some Lodge housekeeping the Prov.G.M. Keith entered accompanied by Acting Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, the W.M. W.Bro. J.E. Champney, Prov.G.I.G. (Chesh), welcomed the Prov.G.M. and offered him the gavel which he said he would accept for a short time. Following on from the knocks on the door the A.G.M., R.W.Bro. Prof Denovan K Wilson entered accompanied by the Dep.G.D.C., Andy Brown, and was greeted on behalf of the W.M. and all those present by Keith. Once seated due salutations were given to the distinguished guests including Peter Connolly P.Prov.G.M. who was in attendance.

Many surprises were to follow, the first one came when the Prov.G.M. asked for W.Bro. Norman Meadows, P.Prov.G.Insp.Wks.,(Charity Steward) to be presented, due to his outstanding service to the Lodge and others he had much pleasure in promoting him to P.Prov.G.J.W., apparently he is a Brother who is never stuck for words but on this occasion, he was speechless. Keith was delighted to also present Lodge Secretary W.Bro. Derek Todd, P.Prov.G.S.W., with the very special Royal Ark Mariner Ambassadors Jewel for his excellent work in promoting that degree.

W.Bro. Mike Pinckard. Grand Steward, read out the original Warrant of the Lodge, he then read out the Sesquicentenary Warrant Certificate, this was presented to the Assistant Grand Master who, in turn, had much pleasure in presenting it to the W.M. for safe keeping. A short history was given by W.Bro. Ian Dawson, the S.W., in fine style. I'll own up here to relocating a copy of the Lodge History (as we used to say in the Police) it sounded much better than "nicking it". The W.M. asked if the A.G.M. would honour the Lodge by presenting the members with the special Jewels which had been created to mark the occasion, he said he would be delighted, along with help from the Prov.G.M. and the W.M. All the members lined up, every one of them had a big smile and I'm sure would always remember this special night in their own Mark Lodge and wear their jewel with pride.



A collection was then taken for the Charities before the Assistant Grand Master retired from the meeting accompanied by the Dep.G.D.C. The Prov.G.Sec. Mike Pinckard was then requested to read out the Provincial 150 Years Certificate to mark the occasion before handing it to the Prov.G.D.C., W.Bro. Arthur Robinson, who in turn handed it to Keith for presentation to the Lodge.

Our Prov.G.M. thanked everyone for their attendance and making this a night to remember. W.Bro Derek Todd, P.Prov.G.S.W. got special mention for his hard work in making all the arrangements run smoothly.

The Prov.G.M. then retired from the Lodge accompanied by Acting Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, a few pictures were taken outside until the meeting ended, all then made their way to the

dining room with the usual happy chat and stories from all over the Province, after picking up some liquid refreshment, everyone took up their allotted seats for the Festive Board. The distinguished guests were then welcomed to take up their places.

A first class meal was served up by the excellent and friendly hall staff. Several speeches were given including some more stories about the Lodges 150 years, the journey to where the Lodge is at now all started with a letter from Bro. Brockbank written on Christmas Eve 1856.

All too soon the evening drew to a close, everyone said their goodbyes with the usual genuine handshakes and stepped outside into the cold night air, at least the rain had stopped. What a pleasure it was to have the Assistant Grand Master, and our own Prov.G.M. at the meeting, along with the other distinguished Brethren. Good memories to keep us warm on the trip home. Here 's to the next meeting to see old friends and those I have yet to meet, fingers crossed now that the motorways are all open for a change.

The Magic of the Mark.

With thanks to W.Bro. Austin N Fletcher. P.G.J.D.











Shornccliffe & Hythe Lodge celebrate their Centenary



Consecrated, as far as can be ascertained, on 27 July 1922, the Shornccliffe & Hythe Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 767 celebrated their Centenary on 19 October 2022 at their now home in Hythe's Windmill Street, in the presence of R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson, Past Deputy Grand Master. Also present at the celebration was our Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Peter Williams, accompanied by a healthy party of Escorting Officers including W.Bro. Martyn Summers – Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. Steve Hyland – Provincial Grand Secretary and W.Bro. Chris Metherell – Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

We say "*as far as can be ascertained*" since nearly all the early records of the Shornccliffe Lodge went missing, probably when the the Masonic Hall was requisitioned during World War II. The only original record book still available is a Register of Marks which included those of the Founders, who all dated them as 27 July 1922.

After R.W.Bro. Emmerson had presented the Centenary Master, V.W.Bro. Clive Manuel, with the Lodge's Centenary Warrant, W.Bro. Keith Beavers, delivered a well researched and interesting history and reminiscence of the Lodge. He outlined how in the 1960s, concerned about its financial position, the decision was made to move 3 miles along the coast from Sandgate to Hythe. This was originally to the town's Oddfellows Hall and then to the new Masonic Hall in Windmill Street, once available. In June 1962 it was reported that approval had been received from both the Province and Mark Masons' Hall to append the town's name and change the Lodge name to Shornccliffe & Hythe.



Afterwards, the members of the Lodge joined their guests for a typically friendly Mark Festive Board.

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

Isthmian Royal Ark Mariner Lodge No. 891



Wednesday, 12 October, marked the culmination of nearly 3 years of hard work for a team of dedicated and determined brethren, when the Isthmian Lodge of Royal Ark Mariner No. 891 was Reponed, having handed in its original warrant in 2009.

The original Isthmian Lodge of R.A.M. had been Consecrated in 1960 and worked until 18 May 2009, when the members handed back the Warrant and the Lodge fell into darkness. In October of 2021, the Reponement of the Isthmian Combined Services Lodge of Mark Master Masons, to which the Isthmian R.A.M. Lodge is moored, was also Reponed. The Reponement ceremony was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master of Essex, R.W.Bro. Terence D. Sheern; ably assisted by his Deputy, W.Bro. John Finlay, and the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Tony Goater; the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro. Roger Smith; and a number of other Provincial Grand Officers. There were 50 Royal Ark Mariners in attendance to witness this unique event.



Following the ceremony of Reponement, the Provincial Grand Master vacated the chair in favour of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W.Bro. John Finlay, for the Installation of the Commander Designate, W.Bro. Geoff Waddoups as the first Commander of the newly Reponed Isthmian Lodge of R.A.M.; as the driving force behind the Reponement of both the Mark and R.A.M. it only seemed right to the other petitioners that Geoff be honoured with being the first Commander of the R.A.M. Lodge in its new form.



After the Worshipful Commander had appointed and invested his officers, the Lodge readied itself to Elevate its first Candidate, Bro. Robert Selwyn. Bro. Rob was the only petitioner of the Isthmian Mark not in the Royal Ark Mariner when it was Reponed, so he was a natural first Elevatee for Isthmian R.A.M. The Elevation Ceremony was enjoyed by all and was conducted in an excellent and heartfelt manner by the Worshipful Commander, assisted by his father W.Bro. Pierre Waddoups, W.Bro. Chris Brown and the team of newly Installed officers of the Lodge.



Finally, all that remained was to complete the remainder of the Lodge business and with a double Elevation organised for their February meeting, the Lodge has work to do. Those in attendance

retired to a friendly and enjoyable Royal Ark Mariner festive board, which caused much amusement among the attendees when it came to the Fire! The Isthmian Lodge of R.A.M. is the 40th R.A.M. Lodge in the Province to sit alongside the 50 Essex Mark Lodges.



A great day for River Plate



15 October 2022 was a great day for the Mark District of River Plate. At 3:00 p.m., the Martín Miguel de Güemes Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2045 was consecrated in the Grand Temple of the Grand Lodge of Argentina of Free and Accepted Masons, being the fourth Lodge to be consecrated this year in that District. District Grand Master R.W.Bro. Ernesto Alberto Marcer presided over the ceremony.

Then, at 6:00 p.m., the Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of the District was held, in the Grand Temple of the Grand Lodge of Argentina of Free and Accepted Masons, where the Centenary Warrant was delivered to the representatives of the Buenos Aires Lodge of R.A.M. No. 481. Receiving the Warrant was V.W.Bro. Graham Hortis, P.Dep.Dist.G.M., 92 years old, whose grandfather was one of the founders of that Lodge, having been born 8 years after the consecration of him. Also present was the Worshipful Commander of the Lodge, R.W.Bro. William Philip Thompson, Past.Dist.G.M.

It is highlighted that given the great friendship that exists between the District and the Grand Lodge of Argentina, the Grand Temple was offered free of charge. Participating in the ceremony, as a member of the Patron Saints Lodge No. 746 of the District, was the Grand Master of the Gran Logia Simbólica del Paraguay, M.W.Bro. José Miguel Fernández Zacur.

With thanks to W.Bro. Carlos Stefanizzi, District Grand Secretary









Meanwhile, the K.T. The Province of River Plate keeps growing



On October 6, our Provincial Prior R.E.Kt. Brian Partington consecrated the new Buenos Aires Preceptory No. 725. With this new Preceptory, the Province now has seven Knights Templar Preceptories working together under the banner of the Cross.

Buenos Aires Preceptory No. 725 was created by a number of members of the centenary San Martin Preceptory No. 191, the first K.T. Preceptory in South America, consecrated in March 17, 1911 by Francis Hepburn Chevallier Boutell.

The Province of River Plate is currently in the process of another opening and we hope to have another consecration before the end of the year.

All Knights travelling Argentina are more than welcome to join us in our Preceptories in the city of Buenos Aires or in the Provinces of Cordoba and Mendoza as well as in the city of Montevideo, in the Uruguay Republic.

For more information about preceptories meetings and dates you can contact our Provincial Vice-Chancellor at vicechancellor.prov.priory.rp@gmail.com

Pictured top are: Prov. Prior R.E.Kt. Brian Partington and the new E.P. of Buenos Aires No. 725, E.Kt. Fernando Garcia Acosta.

And, below, members attending the Consecration ceremony of Buenos Aires Preceptory No. 725.

With thanks to E.Kt. Diego Ricardo Canto, P.Gt. W. of R., Provincial Vice-Chancellor



A K.T. Christmas Card



Robyn Murdo-Smith has been busy producing this year's Provincial Priory of Kent Christmas Card and here explains its developmental history:

The Hymn, Praise my soul the King of Heaven, refers to 'dwellers all in time and space' and this series of cards appears to traverse time as well as space, starting in 1185 and travelling backwards to the birth of our Lord.

This is the second edition featuring those two familiar Knights astride a horse, by the south door of the Temple Church. On the 2020 Christmas card (pictured below) our Templar Knights appear to be riding towards the Church, seemingly drawn by a plume of sacred light shining from the Star of David onto the centre of the circle of the church tower. This you might think being emblematical of that point within a circle beyond which we as Masons...

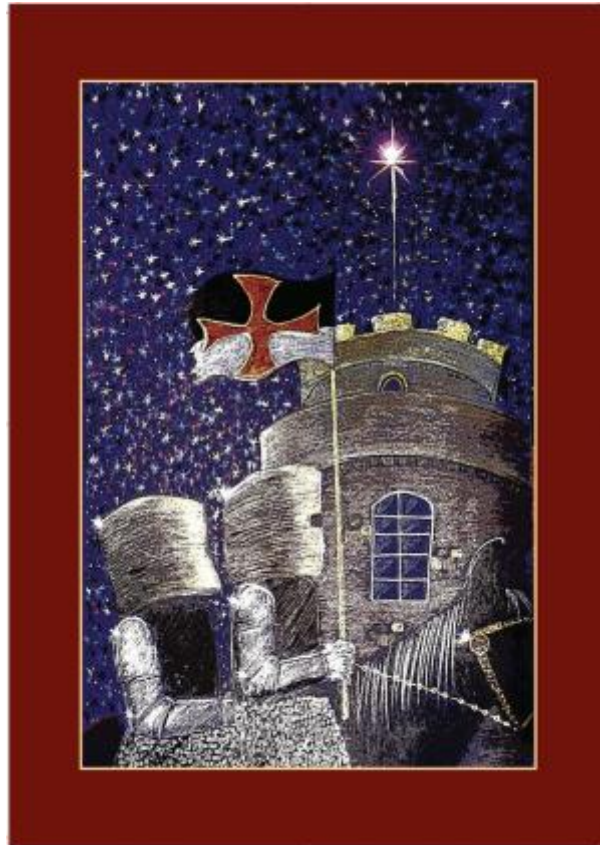
Upon investigation they found that although the light from that Divine Star appeared to be pointing towards the Temple Church, it was actually the start of a path of light upon earth, leading from our London Holy Sepulchre to its origin in the Holy Land.

In their minds they dreamt of travelling from Medieval London to Bethlehem and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, as dwellers 'all in time and space'. They dismounted and, at a discreet distance, they stand in awe of that divine scene of the Baby Jesus lying in a manger, in a cowshed bathed in the light of the Star of David.

E.Kt. Robyn Murdo-Smith, E.P., Lullingstone Preceptory No. 155

Robyn has some cards for sale to the wider K.T. membership so if you would like some yourself, you can contact Robyn at robynmurdosmith@gmail.com





An R.C.C. visit from Finland



The attached picture was taken at the meeting of Plantagenet Conclave on Wednesday, 12 October. It depicts, left to right:

- The Grand Eusebius, R.III.&Ven.Kt. The Rev'd Timothy L'Estrange, G.C.C.
- The Grand Sovereign, M.III.Kt. Graham Flight, G.C.C.
- The Most Puissant Sovereign, M.P.Kt. Colin Hellyer
- The Grand Sovereign of Finland, M.III.Kt. Eero Nousiainen, G.C.C.

- The Past Grand Sovereign of Finland, M.III.Kt. Lasse Vikgen, G.C.C.

The meeting saw a triple installation of new Knights of the Order. At the moment of communicating the secrets to the three Candidates, the Sovereign was assisted by the Grand Sovereign and the Grand Eusebius, a moment probably unique in the Order's history.

Very much of interest is the green collar (worn by the M.P.S.) used to be a standard item of regalia in RCC for all reigning Sovereigns. It was removed from the Statutes many, many years ago, but Plantagenet Conclave requested, and received, permission to continue using it. They believe they are the only Conclave in the world still wearing the green collar. There are similar purple collars for all other officers of the Conclave.

With thanks to the Grand Eusebius.

A Grand day out in Oxford



On Saturday, 15 October, the Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees, M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, was joined by a team of Grand Officers on a visit to Oxford to Install the new District Grand Prefect for Thames Valley, R.W.Bro. Sqn. Ldr. Robert William Chevin.

The sun shone brightly, allowing Brethren to enjoy the outdoor patio at Cardinal House, before going upstairs for the main event.

The meeting was very well attended by Brethren of the District and visitors, but especially by District Grand Prefects from other Districts. And the Grand Master wasted no time in offering the friendly reminder to his newest appointee that this band of Brothers are his eyes and ears, and, thanks to them, he doesn't miss news of what's going on in his Order.



Following his Installation, the Dist.G. Pref. appointed, invested and Installed W. Bro. Simon Russell Gillas as his Deputy and then held a short District meeting to make further appoints of District Grand Officers.

Both in the meeting and at the meal afterwards, compliments were paid to R.W. Bro. David David, P.G.J.W., presiding for the last time at one of these visits before he hand over the G.D.C's wand, after seven years in office, at the appropriate moment of the coming week's annual meeting of Grand Council.



This is one of two high profile changes happening at Grand Council, as the Thames Valley Installation had been brought about by the announcement of the appointment of of the incumbent Dist.G. Pref., R.W. Bro. Ian Bailey, as Deputy Grand Master, in succession to R.W. Bro. Clive Robert Manuel , who has served the office since 2013.

Saturday was also time to say thank you to R.W. Bro. Stewart Middleton, G.S.W., and R.W. Bro. Keith Young, G.J.W., both of whom have supported the Grand Master tirelessly during their year.



We look forward to seeing Brethren at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Tuesday for this extra special meeting. A write up of the annual meeting will appear in next week's edition.



















M.E.R.F. Ukraine Update



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

World Teachers' Day was celebrated by refugee children.



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

We had already mentioned the involvement of MMM Lodge Sanctuam Nr.2033 in the support of "Casa Lidia" Foundation. Now we present more images with the continuous chain of supplies.



Grand Inspectorate of Mark Master Masons of Romania



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

The MM Masons are always close to the refugees.



Grand Inspectorate of Mark Master Masons of Romania



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

Supported by the Grand Inspectorate of MMM of Romania and by Brothers from the UK, starting with October 17, we are opening A Day Club for children of Ukrainian families who have settled in Timisoara.

They will benefit from 3 classrooms and a playground, suitable for children of all ages. They will also have access to wifi, laptops, etc. Lunch will be provided too.

Children will be divided into 2 or 3 groups depending on their educational needs.

They will be guided and supervised by 2 Ukrainian mothers. We have offered them this autonomy, to allow the other mothers to go to work knowing the little ones are in safe hands.



Grand Inspectorate of Mark Master Masons of Romania



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

As a way of integration in the local community, we organized sports activities that brought a smile on the faces of the refugees.



SELECTED IMAGES FROM CHARITY ACTIVITIES

Our Order continued to support refugee families across the country. Food, hygiene and cleaning products were continuously delivered.



SELECTED IMAGES FROM OUR FRIENDS

The war continues in Ukraine. Some of our friends had returned home for a short visit and they shared with us the horrors they had found.



You can download a copy of the update by [Clicking Here](#)

New Mobile Cancer Care Unit arrives in Kent



A brand new, £250,000 mobile cancer care unit has hit the roads after East Kent residents, businesses and local charities including the [Mark Benevolent Fund](#) (MBF) supported a fundraising campaign to help provide cancer patients with treatment in their communities.

The new vehicle, named Caron, after TV presenter Caron Keating who died from breast cancer in 2004, is the latest to be provided by charity Hope for Tomorrow in partnership with East Kent Hospitals Trust. It replaces the first Caron treatment unit which treated more than 13,000 patients over the past 10 years.

Gloria Hunniford, Caron's mother, said: "I am very proud and delighted that the new Hope for Tomorrow mobile cancer care unit for East Kent will bear Caron's name. She had to undergo many sessions of chemotherapy treatment. Travelling for cancer treatment can be difficult, stressful and time-consuming, for so many people. It's just amazing to see how these mobile units can make life easier for so many patients. They are such a brilliant asset to the community."

Caron is one of 12 mobile cancer care units nationwide and allows patients across East Kent to have their cancer treatment closer to home, removing the need to travel to hospital – something which can often mean long journeys by car or on public transport.

Leigh Carvill, chemotherapy unit manager for East Kent Hospitals, said: "The outreach cancer service provided by Caron is invaluable and means treatment does not need to dominate people's lives. We are delighted to be able to use this fantastic new vehicle which will give our patients an even better experience and also provide improved facilities for our staff. The service has been even more important during the pandemic, when cancer patients have felt safer having their treatment on board, with fewer people, than visiting a busy hospital. We are all very grateful to everyone who has helped with the fundraising to make this new unit a reality."

Patty Owen, from Deal, had treatment for breast cancer on the current Caron vehicle. Patty said: "The mobile cancer unit based in Dover, just six miles from our home in Deal, provided me an invaluable, easily accessible and truly caring and kind service during my two years of treatment. It also helped us avoid numerous 50-mile round-trips to Canterbury hospital. I will be forever grateful!"

Improvements in the latest model include more space, and changes to the layout to allow greater privacy and comfort for patients. There is also a digital screen displaying information about the unit and the charity, so that people can find out more and get involved.

The first Caron was officially launched in October 2013 and unveiled by Caron’s brother Michael Keating. Since then, thousands of treatments have taken place on board, in Herne Bay, Cheriton, Folkestone and Dover, saving patients an average of two hours in travel time per appointment.

Tina Seymour, chief executive of Hope for Tomorrow, said: “We have been working closely with East Kent Hospitals Trust to bring cancer care closer to its communities for over a decade. After treating thousands of patients, we are delighted that thousands more will be able to benefit from care and treatment on the new Caron, without the need for long journeys. At a stressful time in their lives, patients and their families really value the combination of the great service they receive from NHS staff and the convenience provided by our mobile treatment units.” Even more details can be found in the latest edition of the [Your Hospitals magazine](#).

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

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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.

We can be found at:

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

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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	Refreshment Time	Refreshment Starts	Meeting Starts	Meeting Ends	Meeting Finishes
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 28 March 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMH	Grand Council	Monday, 28 April 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
SC	Grand Council	Monday, 5 May 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
KT	Grand Priory	Wednesday, 18 May 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MARK	Grand Council	Thursday, 7 June 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
RCC	Grand Council	Monday, 5 July 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MARK	Grand Council	Monday, 11 September 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMH	Grand Priory	Monday, 19 September 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, W1R 4AG	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMH	Grand Council	Monday, 24 October 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMH	Grand Council	Monday, 18 November 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
KT	Grand Priory	Monday, 11 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMH	Annual Assembly	Monday, 21 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, W1R 4AG	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival



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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.

And, we are delighted to announce that we are taking pre-orders for the 2029 Festival Stewardship Jewel for Durham which will be available for delivery shortly.

The form is available to download [Here](#)

















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.

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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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