

# Freemasonry@86 News - 18 November 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.

**Monday, 22 November - Mark** Vessey Lodge of M.M.M. No. 757 Centenary, Province of Warwickshire

**Wednesday, 23 November - S.C.** Consecration of 1st Monmouthshire Consistory

**Monday 28, November - Mark** Installation of W.Bro. David Nigel Hanson, P.G.S.D., as Provincial Grand Master for Durham

**Wednesday, 30 November - Mark** Steanforde Lodge of M.M.M. No. 752 Centenary, Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford

**Saturday, 3 December - R.C.C.** RCC Installation of Ill.Kt. Nicholas St. John Middleton White, P.G.St.B.(C.), as Intendant-General for Devon and Cornwall

**Monday, 12 December - R.A.M.** Grand Assembly, Freemasons' Hall, London

## Launching Magic Mark Mondays



As part of our Magic of The Mark initiative, we will be launching Magic Mark Mondays this Monday when, each Monday until Christmas, we will share one of the new Magic of The Mark Info-Graphics on our Twitter and Facebook feeds to help give Brethren the tools they need to tell non-Mark Masons about our Order.

These images can be shared easily across social media platforms and each contains a bite sized piece of information relating to a certain aspect of the Order.

With lots of Masonic festive social occasions coming up, now is a great opportunity to mingle with Brethren yet to discover the Mark Degree and get them thinking about taking their fourth regular step.

As a refresher, here's our Magic of The Mark video, which will also be shared in the coming weeks. And keep an eye on social media for



## At the Great Priory of Malta



Knights of the Masonic Knights Templar Order of Malta, arrived at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday for the annual Chapter of the Order of Malta.

This is one of the few 'Grand' annual meetings when a ceremony, with a Candidate, is worked in full. So there was much anticipation in the air as the Knights began to assemble wearing their distinctive regalia, emblazoned with the Maltese Cross, associated with the arrival of Knights on that Island in the sixteenth century.

The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement made some introductory remarks before handing over to the Great Prior of Malta, R.E.Kt. Jonathan Whitaker, *JP*, K.C.M., who opened the meeting.

After some administrative business the M.E. & S. Grand Master was pleased to confer the honour and dignity of Knight Commander of the United Orders on three recipients, R.E.Kt. Raymond Ewen Flight, Provincial Prior for Zimbabwe (who was unable to join us for the meeting), R.E.Kt. David Frederick Coombes, P.Prov.Prior for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and R.E.Kt. W.J.T. 'Toby' Pratt, P.Prov.Prior for Sussex.

Once this trio of worthy recipients had been proclaimed the Great Prior of Malta invited the Great Sub-Prior of Malta, V.E.Kt. Steven Warwick; the acting Great Prelate, E.Kt. Rev. Dr Simon Thorn; and a Deputy Great Mareschal, E.Kt. Kelvin Gane, to retire to communicate the Degree of Knight of St Paul to the Candidate, Knight Jonathan Paul Burnell of the Province of Nottinghamshire,



Whilst this ritual was being delivered in the vestibule, the M.E. & S. Grand Master proceeded to invest his Officers, and those receiving Promotions and First Appointments to Great Malta Rank.

And then it was time for the Candidate to be introduced to the meeting, challenged by the Banner Guards, and proceed through the ceremony of Installation, delivered to the usual high standard by the Great Prior of Malta and his team.

After the address on the history of the Order and its bearing on our ceremonies by the Great Prior of Malta, the M.E. & S. Grand Master rose to address the meeting.

He commented on the colour and spectacle of the Malta Ceremony and congratulated the Great Prior of Malta and assisting Officers on the quality of their work, and the Candidate on receiving the Degree.

He also gave his own short history lesson on the Masonic side of the Order.

This was followed by congratulations to the three new Knights Commander, and a welcome to the two Provincial Priors Installed since the Great Priory meeting in May, R.E.Kt. Colin Dan (Sussex) and R.E.Kt. Paul Davis (Somerset).

It was then time to welcome heads of other Masonic Orders and visitors from overseas.

The M.E. & S. Grand Master then made reference to the memorial service being held the following Tuesday to honour the commitment and devotion of our Past Grand Master, Timothy John Lewis.

E.Kt. Paul Swinge of the Province of Essex was thanked and congratulated on painting the splendid new Orle which had been used at the Octagonal Table for this ceremony and would now be used by Great Priory whenever the Malta Degree was being conferred.



Lastly, the M.E. & S. Grand Master gave a brief report on his recent visit to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital where he opened the newly refurbished Children's Ward which had been funded by Great Priory. A superb landmark in our 106 year association with the Eye Hospital.

In closing, he made reference to the fact that we would shortly be singing Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven, a hymn played at the Wedding of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, whose passing we had marked at the start of the meeting. He then gave his best wishes to all Knights of the Order, their families and loved ones, for a happy and peaceful Christmas, before he handed back to the Great Prior of Malta to close the meeting and the Knights departed for refreshment.

You can view a photo gallery of the meeting by clicking [Here](#)

*Photography by V.E.Kt. Chris Eley, P.Gt. 1st.Lt.*



## Seventeen new Knights admitted to the Provincial Priory of Malta in Monmouth and South Wales.



At the Meeting of the Monmouth and South Wales Provincial Priory of Malta at Penarth Masonic Hall, a remarkable total of seventeen new Knights were admitted to the Order of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta on Saturday, 11 November 2022 in the presence of the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Dr. Paul Calderwood.

This is the largest number of Knights to have been admitted at a single meeting in the Province of Monmouth and South Wales for many years ; an event which was described as a “Joyous occasion” by the Great Prelate R.E.Kt. Malcolm C. G. Lane, who is also the Provincial Prelate for the Province.

The Provincial Priory Meeting was attended by more than 70 Knights of the Order, including many Great Officers, and Provincial Officers.

The ceremony of admitting the new members was conducted by the Past Provincial Sub-Prior V.E.Kt David Court assisted by Provincial Chancellor E.Kt. John Everett, E.Kt Terry Jones and E.Kt Peter James.

The photographs show; the Provincial Prior surrounded by a plethora of new Knights in the Temple, the Great Officers, the newly appointed Active Officers of the Province and - in the After-proceedings – the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt Dr Paul Calderwood, his Officers and all of the Knights assembled.

*With thanks to E.Kt. Chris Mugford, Prov.Swd.B.*







## And, in Brecon



On Wednesday, 9 November 2022, at the Masonic Hall, Cerrigcochion Road, Brecon, the Installation Ceremony of the new Eminent Preceptor of the Brecknock Castle Preceptory No. 704 was held in the presence of the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Dr. Paul Calderwood, the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Richard Phillips, the Provincial Chancellor, E.Kt. John Everett, and a number of very Distinguished Guests.

The Distinguished Guests were taking part in the regular inter-Provincial Visitations, which have taken place between the Province of Monmouth and South Wales and the Province of Gloucester and Herefordshire over a number of years, and included;



R.E.Kt. Peter Burrows, Provincial Prior

E.Kt. Phillip Wightman, Provincial Sub Prior, P.Gt.Chamb

R.E.Kt. Roger Edgar, Past Provincial Prior

E.Kt. Tony Putterill, Prov. 1st Constable

E.Kt. Gerry Newcombe, Prov. 2nd Constable

E.Kt. Rowland Rogers, Prov. Marshal & Grand Masters Bodyguard

E.Kt. Ian Warren, Prov. Standard Bearer

E.Kt. Chris Lock, Prov. Standard Bearer

E.Kt. Clive Atterbury, Prov. Banner Bearer

E.Kt. Ken Bishop, Prov. Capt. Of Guards

Kt. Robert Davies, Prov. Priors Bodyguard

Kt. Philip Bellew, Prov. Prior's Bodyguard

V.E.Kt. John Randall, P.Gt.Reg .

E.Kt. Ian Moseley, P.Gt.Chamb.

The new Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Lyn Jones, was superbly Installed by the Installing Preceptor, E.Kt Paul Evans, whose excellence in the Ceremony was commented upon by the Provincial Prior in the after-proceedings, which were held in the Brecon Rugby Club.

*With thanks to E.Kt. Chris Mugford. Prov.Swd.B.*







## 100 years Knaresborough Castle Lodge



A great night at Knaresborough Castle Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 768 on Friday, 11 November 2022. A busy night with over sixty in attendance. Great ceremonial, conducted with the Provincial Grand Master Right Worshipful Brother James Steggles leading the way.

Once R.W.Bro. Jim had been given a warm welcome from the Worshipful Master W.Bro. Tom Wilson and offered the gavel, which of course was accepted, he then appointed his own team, and the work began. Commencing with the salutations which, with the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master V.W.Bro. Alan Oldfield and several past rulers were many. The noise being so loud and constant it could probably have been heard in Harrogate, four miles down the road! Apologies were given for the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, V.W.Bro. John E. Vause, who was in Romania with The Grand Master and other dignitaries where a new Mark District was being formed.

R.W.Bro. Jim explained the Lodge was consecrated on 16 September 1922 and would be celebrated in style tonight. Extracts from the minutes of the consecration were read followed with an insight into the history of the Lodge which W.Bro. Brian Ward Price was pleased to deliver. The Centenary Warrant delivered, and the Centenary Jewels presented it was time for the Provincial Grand Chaplain, W.Bro. Roger Quick, to deliver an oration which as always was done in style and presented with humour. R.W.Bro. Jim commenting afterwards that perhaps Roger was getting into the swing of things now and deserved a huge round of applause. He mentioned things such as birth of the atomic age, the space race, collapse of the Eastern bloc and the revolutions of the sixties. As usual he had Brethren laughing

out loud with talk of twitter, snapchat and the twenty-five Prime Ministers seen since the consecration, well it was twenty-five at his last count.

The Lodge was then handed back to W.Bro. Tom and they quickly dealt with other Lodge business which included an amazing cheque presented from W.Bro. Richard Stone for £1536 towards the Festival.

On to the festive board. For those who have not visited Knaresborough Castle, Brethren it's a MUST. The food is always top class and this time consisted of Carrot and Coriander Soup, Roast Beef, Homemade Cheesecake and Cheese and Biscuits.

R.W.Bro. Jim, in his response to his toast, mentioned it being an incredibly special celebration and talked about all those very special rich characters who had shaped the Lodge over the years. Mentioning all those places they had met before settling in their current home in 1946. The year of the consecration 1922 was also the year the Soviet Union formed, which certainly resonates in today's World, the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and perhaps more importantly Huddersfield Town won the F.A.Cup. Knaresborough Castle had gone on to see many unprecedented changes in Industry, technology medication and lifestyles. It had also survived the second World War, Brexit and the awful Covid Pandemic. Finishing up promoting W.Bro. Brian Ward Price to P.Prov.G.S.W., thoroughly deserved.

The evening closed with a wonderful toast to the visitors from W.Bro. John Maxwell and was responded to with Bro. Rob Young of Prince Leopold Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 352 thanking John for his kind toast, the warm welcome, the spectacular upstairs, the festive board and of course the marvellous pork pies served before the meeting.

A great night.

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





Thirty-Six and counting



On Thursday, 10 November, our Provincial Grand Charity Steward, [W.Bro. Phil Clare](#), was Installed into the Chair of Bromley's Mandalay Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1886, in the presence of his good friend W.Bro. David Stiff, Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Nothing too unusual there you might say, except this is the thirty-sixth time that Phil has sat in one of myriad Masonic "Chairs".

Phil was a Founder of Mandalay Lodge and has for many years taken various offices, but this was his chance to sit in the Chair of Adoniram. The Ceremony was performed in an exemplary manner by W.Bro. John Woodley who also finished the evening with a very moving version of The Tyler's Toast which many had not heard before.



W.Bro. David was accompanied by a good number of active Provincial Officers including one who drove all the way from Ramsgate to experience the evening. Although with the Secretary travelling down from Shropshire and the Director of Ceremonies driving up from Chichester he missed out on the longest journey prize.

For those of you that are interested in Phil's 36 "Chairs", many of which are administered from Mark Masons' Hall, the details are below:

6 Craft – *He is currently Worshipful Master of his School Lodge, Old Olavians' No. 5758*

2 Royal Arch

6 Mark

6 Royal Ark Mariner

1 Red Cross of Constantine

1 Allied Masonic Degrees

6 Order of the Secret Monitor

2 Scarlet Cord – *Where he is also Provincial Grand Summus For The Province Of Kent*

3 Royal & Select Masters

1 Rose Croix

1 Knights Templar

1 Knight Templar Priest

Where will number 37 be we wonder?

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

## A new Intendant-General for Kent



At the Installation Divisional meeting of the Red Cross of Constantine Division of Kent, III.Kt. David John Green, P. G.Chamb., was installed by the Grand Sovereign, M.III.Kt. Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.C., accompanied by the Grand Conclave team, in a splendid ceremony, followed by the Installation of III.Kt. Rob Wilsher, P.G.St.B.(C.), as the Deputy Intendant-General.





There were in attendance a number of other Intendants-General from other Divisions, together with Worthy Knights totalling well over 120.

R.III.Kt. David John Green then enjoyed a marvellous luncheon with all the Knights present.















































## A day out at the Seaside



On Saturday, 12 November 2022, a delegation from Surrey drove down to Worthing to attend the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Surrey. The meeting was held at the Charmandean Centre, West Sussex.

We all received a very warm welcome from the District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Bernard F Marchant. We were aware that R.III.Comp. Bernard has had health problems for a couple of weeks, and it was delightful to see him coping very well at the head of his District in Worthing.



There were many guests from other Districts present...



Including many Right Illustrious Companions from Sussex and other Districts



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



The meeting was opened by the District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. Bernard F Marchant, and a period of silent reflection was observed in memory of our late Queen Elizabeth II.

The District Grand Master welcomed all the honoured guests from other Districts and Heads of Sussex Orders thanking them for their support for the District Grand Council of Sussex.

After the regular business of District Grand Council had been concluded, the Council Banners were paraded and a roll call of Councils was taken. To my knowledge this is unique to Sussex as every Council in the District has a banner.



The District Grand Master had much pleasure in re-appointing as Deputy District Grand Master, Ill.Comp. John C Gough, P.G.Capt.Gd. After thanking Ill.Comp. Colin Dann for his support as the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work he said he had much pleasure in appointing Ill.Comp. Mark V Hoare, P.A.G.D.C., as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.



After the District Grand Master had invested his Officers, he addressed District Grand Council. He thanked all the guests for supporting District Grand Council and all the District Grand Officers who had accompanied him on his visits to the Councils over the year. He congratulated those he had appointed and invested today saying he was looking forward to a bright future. 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 and finally all the Companions of Sussex for their friendship, and support.

District Grand Council was closed in due form 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.



Afterwards R.III.Comp Bernard Marchant posed for a photograph with his team.





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 with gift from the District as a thank you for all he has done over the past year.



The District Grand Master thanked the Deputy District Grand Master and the Companions for their best wishes, and closed by inviting Companion Christopher L Moore, the Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Sussex, to step forward to receive a donation of £500 towards the Craft 2028 MCF Festival.

Companion Christopher thanked the District Grand Master and the Companions of the District of Sussex for their generous donation, and wished the District well for the future.

*Article and photos by Ill. Comp. Chris Eley, P.G.Swd.B.*



## Persevering for 100 years



Perseverance Council No. 42 celebrated a milestone of 100 years of service at its November meeting held at Mill House Masonic Hall, Clayton-Le-Moors, Blackburn.

These events are very rare in the Allied Masonic Degrees as the Most Worthy Grand Master, Thomas Firth Jackson was quick to point out that. It will not be until 2034 that another Council will celebrate such an achievement. He was joined at the meeting by the head of our Order in East Lancashire, District Grand Prefect Mervyn Wilson, along with his West Lancashire counterpart Paul Snape, and Joseph McCollum from the West Midlands.

Mervyn was well supported with his team of Acting Officers as well as a good delegation from neighbouring West Lancashire. In total over 50 Brethren were in attendance which is the highest attendance in the Council's 100 years of existence, comprising a total of 390 meetings and 748 ceremonies.

The Council was opened by the current Master, Stephen Barritt, who was very pleased to receive M.W.Bro. Jackson, accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and did not hesitate to offer the gavel to our Grand Master.

Of course Tom eagerly accepted it and was warmly welcomed with the customary salutations. He congratulated the members on this achievement and gave his best wishes for the future.

He then invited the Council Secretary, Stephen White, to present a history of the Council. On 29 November 1921, 13 Brethren petitioned the then Grand Master, Col Charles Warren Napier-Clavering, and as a consequence the Lodge of Perseverance was Consecrated at 4 p.m. on 27 May 1922 at Richmond Terrace, Blackburn. The ceremony was conducted by F.W. Broadbent, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Eastern Division, assisted by R. Verney Clayton Provincial Grand Secretary.

Just to put things in perspective, at that time there were no mobile phones, no tablets, and no computers and of course no internet. There was no Soviet Union which was formed in December of that year. There was political unrest and at the date of the petition we were just three and a half years from the end of the First World War. The country was emerging from a depression.

Of the 13, several were solicitors, two were ex Majors - both of whom worked in a cotton mill. Eight of them served as Master of Perseverance Lodge of Mark Master Masons from which Lodge this Allied Council had originated.

The Council started with a flourish. At the second meeting no fewer than nine members had the Degree of St Lawrence conferred upon them, there were two more at the third meeting and another at the fourth. At that same 4th meeting 12 became Knights of Constantinople, and the 5th meeting saw 10 become Grand Tilers of Solomon.

On 9 March 1929, 12 members became Knights of Constantinople, and the same 12 became Grand Tilers of King Solomon. There was also an Installation, all in 1 hour 15 minutes.

The following meeting in July 1929 was a special meeting and saw the first ceremony of Red Cross of Babylon. 13 members conferred.

In March 1933 there was a visit from the Grand Master, Dr Charles Herbert Perram, who took part in the ceremony of the Red Cross of Babylon, as the Illustrious Sovereign in the Court of Darius. He also acted as M.E. President in the Degree of Grand High Priest which followed. Three Brethren in the former, and five in the latter, no doubt had very happy memories of the occasion.

The Grand Master must have enjoyed himself in March 1933 because he returned in May 1935, and acted, as King Solomon in Grand Tilers and President in Grand High Priest. There is reference in the minutes of October 1942 that a dispensation for a change of date was not necessary because of the Emergency regulations issued on 23 September 1939. This is the only reference in the minutes to World War II, and all regular meetings were held as they were scheduled.

At the time of the Consecration there was only one District which now has been split into East and West Lancashire. In its time, the Council had moved to Rishton, before settling at Mill House which is close to both Blackburn and Accrington. Membership numbers have gone up and down over the years and recently the future of the Council has been steadied with a large influx of joining members and now has a Candidate to admit at its next meeting, so the future is looking bright. Tom Jackson concluded that the Council can now look forward to the next 100 years.

There was another important item of business: Deputy District Grand Prefect, Peter Hegarty, had stepped down following his promotion in the Craft to Assistant Provincial Grand Master, it was time to appoint and invest Graham Newton, a member of Perseverance Council, as his successor.

Tom invited Mervyn Wilson to take the chair and perform this duty with the help of his Senior and Junior Wardens who were likewise placed at their stations. An escort was formed and Graham was duly presented, obligated and invested. Likewise, Trevor Parvin was appointed as District Grand Secretary to fill the role previously filled by Graham.

Graham was warmly applauded and congratulated before Mervyn invited the Master, Stephen Barritt, to resume his rightful place. The next meeting being the Installation, the next Master was selected, who is to be Allan Shields who will take up the baton from Stephen in May and lead the Council into the next 100 years.

With the Council closed, the Brethren retired to the festive board for fine food and good company which sealed a perfect end to this memorable and unique meeting.

*Story and photos by Allan Shields, Council History courtesy of Stephen White, Secretary.*





## Soutra Ailse Conclave of O.S.M. No. 401



On Saturday, 12 November 2022, after the meeting of Soutra Ailse Conclave of O.S.M. No. 401 a donation of £800 was made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Scotland representative, Mr Ross Carter, in Memorial to Wy.Bro. Graham Nicoll who was Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of East Scotland, who sadly lost the battle against this disease that he fought so valiantly for nearly a year on 30 March this year.

This was made up of donations from the Conclave and Provincial Grand Conclave in recognition of the support that Graham received in his last few months. Mrs Gillian Nicoll accompanied the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, R. Wy.Bro. Morgan McDonald, in presenting the cheque to Mr Ross Carter.

This was very poignant as this month is Cancer Awareness month and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Day was yesterday, Thursday, 17th November.

Everyone is encouraged to recognise the early symptoms of this horrible disease and get yourself checked as the earlier it is diagnosed the easier it is to treat.

Left to right in the picture above are: Wy.Bro. Andrew McKeen; Bro. Angus "Gus" Milliken; Wy.Bro. Stewart Jeffray; Bro. Ian Taylor. Back; V. Wy.Bro. George Philp and Mr Ross Carter from the Charity.







## The Mark Masons of South Africa – Western Division continue their local charity fundraising



For 2022 the Executive of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Africa Western Division joined forces with the 'Widows Son's Masonic Rider's Association' for the Annual Spit Braai raising funds for the Masonic Home for the Quadriplegic and Paraplegic in Uitzicht, Durbanville, Western Cape.

The Annual Spit Braai was held on Sunday, 6 November. Due to the size of the lamb that the spit could accommodate ticket sales were limited to 80 meals. A good time was had by all and the afternoon was a roaring success. The District raised over R18,000 (approx. £900 GBP). The Home is supported by all four constitutions operating in South Africa and funds will go towards repairs of the specialised wheelchairs that they require.

The Masonic Home for the Quadriplegic and Paraplegic is a non-profit organisation and has seven residents, all of whom are wheelchair bound and need 24-hour care.

Congratulations to all involved for raising such a generous amount for the charity. If you would like to make a donation, please contact John Darné at [Johndarne2019@gmail.com](mailto:Johndarne2019@gmail.com)

*With thanks to W.Bro. Winston Schultz for the pictures*



## 'Changing the Memory' – Woodland House Baby and Pregnancy Loss Bereavement Centre



Members of the Mark Province of Warwickshire paid a very worthwhile and emotional visit to the Birmingham Women's Hospital recently as honoured guests at the ground-breaking ceremony of the new Woodland House Baby and Pregnancy Loss Bereavement Centre.

The MBF made a significant grant of £100,000 to the project in its early stages of fundraising to sponsor its dedicated counselling room. This in turn helped the project secure further funding from many other parties. The centre will be the first in the UK to provide help and support to those families who have suffered pregnancy loss or neonatal bereavement.

Sarah-Jane Marsh, CEO of Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, said it was all about 'Changing the memory' of how women and families receive the news of a loss and how they deal with their own grief in a calm and dignified environment - something that is not always available to them.

It is hoped that this will be the first of many centres to be built around the UK and its development is being closely watched by many other Trusts.

This is a unique project our organisation invested in and something all Mark Master Masons should all be proud of.

R.W.Bro. Phil Wills, Prov.G.M.; W.Bro. Nigel Clemson, P.G.S.D., Asst.Prov.G.M.; and W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D., M.M.H. Charities Manager, all attended the ceremony.





## 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.

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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	Advanced Rate	Normal Rate	Normal Female	Normal Youth	Normal Guest
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 8 March 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	22.00 GBP	22.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	5.00 GBP
BSM	Grand Council	Tuesday, 15 April 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
SC	Grand Session	Tuesday, 3 May 2022	Mark Masonry Hall, London, SW1A 0R	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
KT	Grand Priory	Wednesday, 26 May 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 June 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
REC	Grand Chapter Conclave	Tuesday, 5 July 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 23 September 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
RBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 4 September 2022	Mark Masonry Hall, London, SW1A 0R	3.00 GBP	2.00 GBP	0.00 GBP	0.00 GBP	3.00 GBP
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 25 October 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
OSM	Grand Chapter	Thursday, 24 November 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
KT	Grand Priory	Tuesday, 15 November 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP
MARK	Annual Assembly	Monday, 12 December 2022	PMU, Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 3AQ	35.00 GBP	32.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	3.00 GBP	4.00 GBP

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



[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**

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## MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

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

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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.

## Admin Departments @86



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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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