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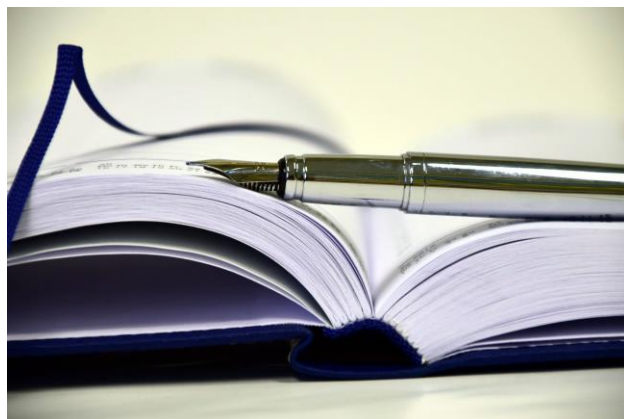
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Companion Orders Diary



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, 23 January - Mark Enfield Lodge No. 722 Centenary, Province of Middlesex

Friday 27 January - O.S.M. Amalgamation of the Provinces of London and of Middlesex; and Installation of V.Wy.Bro. Clifford Mark Sturt, P.G.V., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for London & Middlesex

Thursday, 2 February - K.T. Sussex Preceptory and Southdown Priory No. 125 Sesquicentenary, Province of Sussex

Saturday, 11 February - R.C.C. Installation of Ill.Kt. Trevor Fish, P.G.Pref., as Intendant-General for Northumberland

Saturday, 18 February - A.M.D. Installation of W.Bro. Brian Alan Ward, P.G.St.B., as District Grand Prefect for Kent

Wednesday, 1 March - S.C. Consecration of Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No. 100, Province of West Lancashire

Tuesday, 7 March - Mark Communication of Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall

Wednesday, 15 March - A.M.D. Consecration of The Dedham Vale Council No. 284, Province of East Anglia

Saturday, 18 March - Mark Installation of V.W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, P.G.J.O., as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey

Monday, 20 March - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. William George McColl, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Suffolk

Saturday 25 March - O.S.M. & S.C. Installation of Wy.Bro./V.Dist.Comp. Allun David Jones, P.A.G.D.C./P.G.Reg., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and Provincial Grand Summus for South Wales and Monmouthshire

Tuesday, 18 April - R.S.M. Annual Assembly of Grand Council (Business Meeting Only) **Mark Masons' Hall**

Tuesday, 3 October - R.S.M. Celebratory meeting of the Sesquicentenary of Grand Council, **Freemasons' Hall**

A Sesquicentenary in Somerset



Over 90 brethren packed the temple at Keynsham Masonic Hall on Monday, 19 December to witness the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master take the chair to present the Sesquicentennial Warrant to the Worshipful Master of The Carnarvon Lodge of M.M.M. No. 119.

Prior to this presentation the Provincial Grand Master had taken the chair to perform an Advancement Ceremony with the Provincial Team in office, and what a great ceremony it was with the Candidate Bro. Shay Aziz joining our wonderful degree.

The evening got off to a great start with all guests meeting for drinks in the dining area before the meeting opened at 6 p.m. It was pleasing to watch over 20 of the Provincial Team form a double column which the Prov.G.M. passed through to be greeted by the W.M., W.Bro. Bill Roberts, after which he took the chair.

The Prov.G.M. then received the Grand Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Christopher Davies, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, John Herbert Prizeman then entered the Lodge.

The Advancement Ceremony for Bro. Shay Aziz was conducted by the Prov.G.M. in great style, demonstrating his expertise in ritual. After the Ceremony, the M.W. Pro Grand Master having taken the chair spoke about the Carnarvon Lodge and its place in Somerset and touched on the Earl of Carnarvon's involvement in Freemasonry.

The Sesquicentennial Warrant was presented to the WM, who thanked the M.W. Pro Grand Master for his kind words and attendance. During the warrant ceremony, the original Warrant of the Lodge was read by the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Ian Strickland, the minutes of the Centenary meeting was read by the Secretary of the Lodge, W.Bro. Richard Dredge and R.W.Bro. Ray Guthrie presented a fascinating history of the Lodge.

During the evening, presentations were made to R.W.Bro. David B. Nelson for 40 years' service to Mark Masonry, his Certificate was presented by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, who has known R.W.Bro. David for many years (see photo second above).

The M.W. Pro Grand Master also Presented the Prov.G.M. with his Grand Patron Collar.



The proceedings in the temple took over 2 hours but no one was falling asleep, just too much going on.

The Meal that followed was truly a festive one, and with the M.W. Pro Grand Master making a speech that was full of good humour , everyone enjoyed the celebrations.

See you all in another 50 years.

With W.Bro. Richard Dredge, P.A.G.D.C., Prov.G.Reg.

Photo below

Left to right. W.Bro. Tony Guthrie, Dep.Prov.G.M.; W.Bro. Bill Roberts, W.M.; Bro. Shay Aziz, Candidate for Advancement; M.W.Bro. John H. Prizeman, Pro Grand Master; R.W.Bro. Philip C. Voisey, Prov.G.M.; R.W.Bro. Ray Guthrie, P.Dep.Prov.G.M.



Happy 50th Anniversary to R.W.Bro. Brian Vickers



The Mark Provincial Grand Master for London, R.W.Bro. Tom Quinn, was delighted and honoured to present to R.W.Bro. Brian Vickers, P.G.J.W., P.Dep.Prov.G.M., of Friendship From Service Lodge No. 1313, a certificate from the Grand Master commemorating Brian's 50 years as a Mark Mason. The

Prov.G.M. preceded this with a short Eamon Andrews-style presentation of Brian's long and varied life so far, which he then presented to Brian in a suitably red folder to accompany the certificate.

The festive board which followed began with the piping in of a haggis, which was addressed by the Prov.G.M. in his customary entertaining style, after which the brethren enjoyed the Mark Masons' Hall carvery.

The Lodge Treasurer - Tom Quinn - won a raffle prize and decided quite rightly that it should be presented to Brian on his golden jubilee of Advancement.

The whole afternoon, including the warmth of the Lodge Members' welcome to their guests, was an unforgettable experience and if Mark Masonry is this enjoyable barely ten days into the new year, how much more joy and excitement in the Mark Degree in the Province of London must there be to come!

Words and photo courtesy of W.Bro. Donald McGarr, P.A.G.I.G.

And also to V.W.Bro. Leslie Allinson



Monday, 16 January and a great evening at Worth Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 727 to celebrate fifty years of V.W.Bro. Leslie Allinson being a Mark Master Mason. Present was the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother James Steggles. He was there of course to present Les with both his Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge certificates, and to go through his wonderful Mark career. R.W.Bro. Jim first set the scene as to life in the 1970's when Les joined the Mark. He became a Mark Master Mason on 15 January 1973. Just two weeks before this the UK joined the E.E.C. A week after Les joined the stock market crashed, wiping £4B of shares in just a day, there was the Rail strike, a coal miners' strike, inflation at 8.4% and a three-day working week began. We were also in the middle of the Icelandic Cod War. None of this was, of course, anything to do with Les or the E.E.C.

Next was a 'this is your life' style talk between Les and Jim. Les made it clear of his passion for Masonry and the Mark order in particular. He told of the great love and support he always had from his wife Margaret in everything he did. Which of course made it much easier for him to be a very active Mark Mason. Les said she had plenty of practice as he had been a police officer, then working for C.I.D., and later at the coroner's office, meant he had many long and unpredictable days. Margaret had no problems with any of this and he always had 100% support from her.

He became Worshipful Master of Worth in 1978 and 5 years later was appointed Prov.Dep.G.D.C. A rather unusual first appointment but of course this showed the calibre of the man and, then in 1991 he

became Prov.G.S.W. He travelled the Province far and wide attending Lodges and many Festivals, not just in these active offices but also later as a member of the Charity Executive, joining in 1995 and being its last Chairman in 2002. He has many fond memories of the great times had with some fabulous friends and colleagues and, to mention just a few, he talked fondly of Peter Skelton, Ken Cockcroft and Peter Brindley, all great charity men and all doing a great deal of good. This still left him time to become a founding member of at least three R.A.M. Lodges. Les attained Grand Rank in 1995 as P.A.G.D.C. and his current rank being P.G.J.O.

A great meeting and a super festive board where compliments were many. Les thanked everyone present for making this a very special night for him. He has many great memories of fabulous friends and 50 wonderful years in a truly wonderful order.



A busy week in Cheshire

Sunday, 8 January, saw the Provincial team at Cheshire View, with a practice for Thursday's R.A.M. assembly which, for the vast majority of the acting team, was the first time taking charge of that important meeting.



The practice ran from 10 until about 1pm, and was followed for the executive by a quick administrative meeting, but all left having worked out the idiosyncrasies of the meeting, and how it would go on Thursday.

Monday the 9th saw our Prov.G.M. and a Provincial delegation attend Stamford R.A.M. Lodge, which currently meet at Stockport until the new Masonic Hall at Clay Lane is completed; a 'quality' meeting and to make the night even better a new Candidate was proposed at the meeting.



On Tuesday 10th, the Provincial Team supported two meetings on the same evening, with the Prov.G.M. and a strong delegation attending Sandbach R.A.M. to witness the Deputy Provincial G.D.C., Seb Daly, installed into the Commander's chair, in what was a superb Installation.

The other half of the Provincial team accompanied the Dep.Prov.G.M. and A.Prov.G.M., who with the travelling maul attended Ashlar R.A.M., to witness an interesting lecture, and then Ashlar Mark, for the advancement of Bro. Dominic Beckett in an excellent ceremony.



Wednesday 11th was a departure from the norm, with Dukinfield Mark hosting and working closely with the Provincial Demonstration team, to launch the first OpenDoor evening, an interactive and informative presentation to explain to the Master Masons present what the Mark degree was all about.

The Prov.G.M. and team then enjoyed a traditional Olde English Night, which raised the magnificent amount of £500.00 for the 2024 MBF Festival.





Thursday 12th was the Provincial R.A.M. assembly, which took a lot of organising, with the team at Cheshire View from late afternoon, despite the 16:00 start time, for last minute practices etc.

It was a well-attended meeting with over 110 members present and over 90 dining at the festive board, and marked the launch of the Magic of the Mark awareness and membership campaign.



As well as the distribution of the new leaflets and cards, which include a QR to The Cheshire "The Magic of The Mark" Video, each Lodge was issued with a bottle of Fizz to Raffle.



At the meeting it was announced that after serving 11 years on the Leadership Team, V.W.Bro. Austin Bamber was to step down from his role as Dep.Prov.G.M. at the March Meeting, and would be replaced by W.Bro. Derek Walsh, the Provincial G.D.C. V.W.Bro. Bamber was thanked by the R.W.Prov.G.M., and given a well deserved standing ovation by all present.

With thanks to W.Bro. Peter Langley, Prov.G.Stwd., Provincial Communications Officer



A Unique Cryptic Afternoon

The January meeting of the Pride of Surrey Council was a unique one in the annals of Surrey Cryptic Masonry, and maybe elsewhere. Not only did the Council perform four Royal Master Ceremonies, but two Right Illustrious Companions assisted as the Principal Conductor of the Work during the ceremonies. R.III.Comp. Mik Barnes took two Candidates round and R.III.Comp. David Blackburn took the other two round. This was a special treat for the Candidates, and all those watching.

The Council was opened by the Thrice Illustrious Master, Ill.Comp. Steve Wigmore, who welcomed all the guests, especially R.III.Comp. David Blackburn, District Grand Master, and R.III.Comp. Mik Barnes, P.G.Chan., who were saluted with seven times nine under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies.

The main item on the agenda was to Honour as Royal Masters, Companions Allan Thompson, David Coombes, David Lawrence, and David Hibberd. The Thrice Illustrious Master invited R.III.Comp. Mik Barnes to take to Chair for the Ceremonies and a Council of Royal Masters was opened. Companions Allan Thompson and David Coombes were individually admitted, and the Ceremony conducted up to the point after perambulation. They were both then readmitted, and the ceremony continued.

A Council of Select Masters was resumed for a short while before the Ceremony was repeated for Companions David Lawrence and David Hibberd. The lecture was given in an excellent manner by R.III.Comp. Mik Barnes. Afterwards our District Grand Master congratulated the four candidates saying what a very special and unique ceremony this was.



With us at the meeting was an old friend, Ill.Comp. John Fleetwood, P.G.Cond.C., P.Dist.G.P.C.W., who presented the Council with a very special Bible. John, who was Provincial Grand Chaplain in several Orders over the years, gave a short address on the history of the Bible.

He said that an overseas Mason contacted him to enquire about the possibility of a Royal Arch meeting within hail of Leatherhead during an upcoming family visit he was making. Upon checking his calendar, John noted that he had a meeting in Surbiton and invited "Bro. David" to join him. In due time, they met at Surbiton Station and John escorted him to Glenmore House, where he deposited him in the ante-room before informing the Scribe that his visitor was here, should he wish to 'prove' him. "I'll leave that to you, John!" he replied. Upon returning to the ante-room John was shocked to find his visitor robed as a Scottish Rite Mark Mason and wearing the regalia of a Past First Grand Principal of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia and the Yukon!

There were many further visits they shared, and 'Bro.' David noticed that, when John was acting as Chaplain, he recited the prayers from a Bible. As a thank-you gift David later presented John with a beautiful leather bound [*North American*] Masonic VSL. Having heard that our Council's VSL "like himself" is much the worse for wear, John said he would like to present this special book to us and have it dedicated to the late Companion John Gray, a past member of the Pride of Surrey Council, who was a good friend and a great travelling Mason with John around Dorset, Hampshire, Sussex and Kent.



This was very gratefully received by our Thrice Illustrious Master on behalf of the Council. Our District Grand Master said how good it was to see Ill.Comp. John again at a Council meeting and hoped he would be able to attend the Pride of Surrey Council again from time to time.

The Council was then closed, and the Companions of Pride of Surrey Council and their guests retired for refreshments before sitting down to a most convivial festive board. One of our Thrice Illustrious Master's guests from London enjoyed himself so much he is going to become a joining member at our next Council meeting.

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



The Provincial Grand Senatus of London



Friday, 13 January saw the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of London held at Mark Masons' Hall.

When we arrived, we were treated to a drinks reception, which was very much appreciated.



We received a very warm welcome from R.Dist.Comp. Jules Greenwall, Provincial Grand Summus, and the London Companions.



Present at the meeting were several Provincial Grand Summi, seen here with the Provincial Grand Summus.



The Companions were called to Order to receive the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus who entered the Temple in procession, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the Year.



Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist.Comp. Seirios Kokkalis. The other Right Distinguished Companions were then saluted with seven under the direction of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Companions.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Senatus had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Summus was pleased to reappoint Dist.Comp. Boon Sin Tan as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus; and Dist.Comp. Dr Surjit Bhalla as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.

The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. In his Address he said that despite it being Friday the 13th there was no rain and no rail strikes. He congratulated the new Provincial Grand Summi and thanked all the honoured guests for their support for the Provincial Grand Senatus of London. He announced the launch of their new website, and thanked Dist.Comp. Chris Eley from Surrey for the photos taken at his installation meeting. He congratulated those who had received appointments or promotion in Provincial Grand Rank, and ended by thanking his Provincial Grand Recorder and Provincial Director of Ceremonies, and their teams, for all their assistance and support.

Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus retired in procession accompanied by Right Distinguished Companions, and Honoured Guests.



The delegation from Surrey had a most enjoyable morning...



as did the delegation from Kent.



During refreshments in the bar, the past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies was seen congratulating the newly appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies on an excellent job.



The Companions of the Province of London and their guests retired to enjoy a convivial meal together.

Article and photos by Dist.Comp. Chris Eley

Heads of our Orders support our friends in the KTP



Mammoth task for the District of Northumberland and Durham

Saturday, 14 January saw Ashington Masonic Hall play host to the District of Northumberland and Durham, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests as they conducted the first ceremony of the Order of Holy Wisdom, for the District, since the end of the pandemic.

The long-awaited meeting saw a packed to the rafters room witness Thomas William David Railson, Grand Superintendent and High Prelate, assisted by his team of officers, admit a monumental 16 Aspirants into the Order from across the District.

Amongst the assembled guests, supporting and assisting the Grand Superintendent, were an impressive seven Heads of Order, and one Past Head of Order, from across Northumberland and Durham, comprising of Ray Walton, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark and Royal Ark Mariners for the Province of Northumberland; Kevin Stannard, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Craft Province of Northumberland, and Provincial Prior for the Provincial Priory of Northumberland; Alan Hume, Past Provincial Prior for the Provincial Priory of Northumberland; Robin Knight, Intendant-General for the Durham Division of the Red Cross of Constantine; Trevor Fish, soon to be, Intendant-General for the Northumberland Division of the Red Cross of Constantine; Michael Jacques, Provincial Grand Summus for the Scarlet Cord in the Province of Durham and Northumberland; John Warham, Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Northumbria in the Royal Order of Scotland; and William Malcolm, Deputy Grand Master Mason and Senior Passed Master of the Northern Counties Region of the Operatives.

A slick well worked ceremony was followed by a very enjoyable and convivial lunch.

Congratulations to all the Aspirants on their admission into the Order, and to all concerned for the organisation and execution of the meeting.



Two notable donations by Cumberland and Westmorland

NEWSLETTER

Millom Network Centre Limited

HONOURED GUESTS

Following us finally having completion of our van graphics, which is with thanks to 'Dave Parkin' of **Outlines Van Graphics** based in Bootle, for his amazing work, we were delighted to receive a second visit from **The Mark Master Masons**, their first being the presentation of the cheque to allow us to purchase the van and this time for an official handover of the completed vehicle, which without their generosity we simply would never have been able to purchase.

They understand just how vital our vehicle is to us as it allows us to continue the work within the community, from collecting and delivering furniture to collecting food from Preston for our Community Food Pantry. We cannot express enough just how much their generosity and kindness means to all at Millom Network Centre and the difference that they have made.

I only wish that more people fully realised the amazing work that these gentlemen do without any recognition. But I can say they have our hearts and our eternal gratitude.

By Sue Dust
Office Manager

Registered Charity No: 1117218

The MBF donated £46,090 to Millom Network Centre to replace their van when it was stolen and badly damaged.

Pictured are W.Bro. Bob Nicholson, Provincial Grand Charity Steward; V.W.Bro. David Robinson, Provincial Grand Registrar; R.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, Provincial Grand Master; Sue Dust (MNC); W.Bro. Phillip Carruthers, Assistant Provincial Grand Master; W.Bro. Paul Dixon (Duddon Mark Lodge in Millom); and W.Bro. Ken Archer, Provincial Grand Almoner.

£4,000 Donation to Foodbanks covering the whole of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland



Here is a brief summary of the help that the North Lakes Foodbank have provided to people in Allerdale and Copeland in the last 12 months: It has outlets in Cockermouth, Egremont, Maryport, Wigton, Whitehaven and Workington. Cockermouth is the main store and distribution centre.

In the last year 3,141 emergency food parcels were given out helping 6,936 people of whom 2,396 are children. This is up from 5,667 in 2018, of whom 1,627 were children.

Over half the Emergency Food Parcels given were required because of low income.

In the summer holidays we gave out nearly 4,000 holiday packs containing food for children's lunches for a week. The families that qualified for this were identified by their schools, as well as eligibility for Free School Meals.

We also run our van which moves stock between our different centres in Allerdale and Copeland.

Pictured are two Foodbank volunteers, Allen and Tony, Receiving a cheque donation of £1,500.00 from the Prov.G.M., R.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, accompanied by W.Bro. Ken Archer, Prov.G.Alm. The donation was split between Cockermouth, Egremont, Maryport, Wigton, Whitehaven and Workington.

Further cheques of £250 were sent to Foodbanks in Alston, Appleby/Kirkby Stephen, Brampton, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Penrith, Kirkby Lonsdale, Millom, Milnthorpe/Heversham and Windermere. This made a total donation of £4,000.

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Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2023 - All Orders

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

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Behavioural Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Ends	Dining Start	Assoc. Ends
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - Limited Capacity	Tuesday, 18 April 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
SC	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 4 May 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 17 May 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Inveiture Active & 1st	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Inveiture Incomplete	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
KBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 14 September 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - 150 Celebration	Tuesday, 3 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 9 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT - Malta	Great Priory of Malta	Tuesday, 21 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 11 December 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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

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HG1 5LA

Saturday, 1 July 2023

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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.

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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](#)

Social Media Guidelines



With a new Pro Grand Master this year in both the Craft and the Mark, we are continuing our close working relationship with our Brethren at Freemasons' Hall.

While we enjoy and encourage our members' enthusiasm for our Orders, it's important that we are mindful where and how we share our passion for Freemasonry.

Please ensure that any posts on social media about the Companion Orders are either restricted to groups, pages and websites that are open to all Orders or, if destined for Craft specific areas, are posted via a moderator to ensure they are a welcome additions to the news feed.

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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.

The 2029 Festival Stewardship Jewel for Durham is now in stock and available for delivery.

















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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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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