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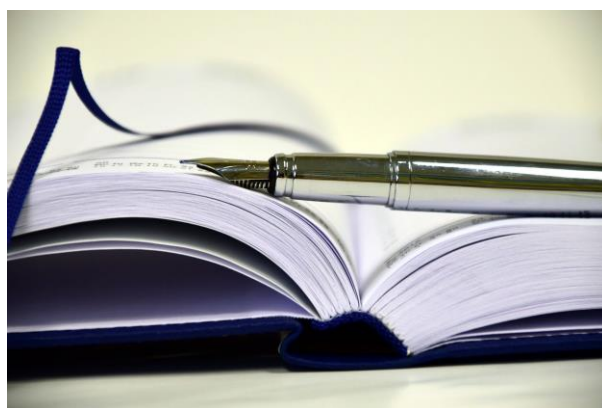
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Companion Orders Diary



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.

Saturday, 4 March - S.C. Installation of R.Dist.Comp. Richard Charles William Batchelor, P.G.Vice Chan., as Provincial Grand Summus for Hampshire, Isle of Wight and The Channel Islands

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

Friday, 10 March - Mark Mercury Lodge of M.M.M. No. 777 Centenary, Province of Hampshire & Isle of Wight

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

Communication of Mark Grand Lodge this Tuesday, 7 March



The Communication of Mark Grand Lodge this Tuesday, 7 March will be held at Freemasons Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London where we will recognise the great achievements of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Join us, as we welcome guests from the charities who received a grant from the MBF in 2022.

Guest speakers include R.W.Bro. Jim Steggles, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire and Diana Constantin-Tigler, who will fly in from Romania specially to be with us. Diana works tirelessly with the District of Romania to support the Ukrainian refugees and her efforts will be celebrated next week at the Mark Benevolent Fund Grand Parade.

Out of office...



Ever wondered where a Deputy Grand Secretary goes in his holidays? The answer in this case is Disneyland, Paris. But this is no ordinary holiday. This September W.Bro. Dan Heath will depart on his eleventh consecutive trip with the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers' Children's Magical Taxi Tour.

Each year, nearly 100 London Taxis make the 300 mile drive from Canary Wharf to Disneyland, via Dover-Calais ferry, taking children with life-threatening illnesses on what for many is the trip of a lifetime.

The trip is supported by the City of London Police, London Ambulance NHS Trust, and the AA, as well as medics from some of the major UK Children's hospitals. When travelling at speed the convoy, escorted by police motorcycle outriders can reach back over three miles long.

R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, a well known force of nature when it comes to fund-raising, got to hear of Dan's involvement in the trip and has assisted by encouraging four London Mark and R.A.M. Lodges to make donations.

It costs £1,500 to sponsor a Taxi on the trip and, to date, London Lodges have sponsored six Taxis for the 2023 trip which, will depart on 29 September.

They Lodges supporting the trip are:

- Bon Acord Lodge T.I.
- London Installed Mark Masters Lodge No. 1227 x 2
- Aegean Lodge No. 1978
- Freemasons Without Borders Lodge No. 2031 x 2

Dan was very pleased to attend Bon Acord Lodge (pictured above) and London Installed Mark Masters Lodge, to give a short talk highlighting the events of the three day trip. He has been overwhelmed by the generosity of these donations which are testament to the way in which Mark Brethren give so willingly to good causes.

He said that these donations don't just sponsor a Taxi, they make an event where the whole is much greater than the sum of its parts and these donations help put some enormous smiles on the faces of some very poorly children.

Watch out for a write-up of this year's trip after the event.

[Click Here](#) to find out more at the trip's website.

Also at Bon Acord...



Also at Bon Acord Lodge R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, Deputy President of the MBF, was pleased to present W.Bro. Peter Lambert with his MBF Patron collarette.

Fforest Preceptory Installs yet another new Knight



At the Meeting of the Fforest Preceptory No. 582 at the Treharris Masonic Hall on Monday, 20 February 2023, the new Eminent Preceptor E.Kt. William (Bill) Thomas installed a new Knight, Clifford Jones of the Naunton Davies Chapter No. 1578 into the Preceptory.

The Installation Ceremony was attended by Right Eminent Knight Dr Paul Calderwood, the Provincial Prior of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales (whose "Mother" Preceptory in the Province is the Fforest Preceptory), and a number of Provincial Officers and Brother Knights.

Following the Installation Ceremonies there was a separate event regarding the handover of the "Travelling Swift". The Gwent Preceptory No. 115 had previously had the great privilege of being entrusted with the care of the Swift Award which was presented to the Province of Monmouth and South Wales in 2019.



This award was accorded to the Province by the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in recognition of the generosity of the Brother Knights of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales in supporting the hospital in a most outstanding manner. The Hospital provides free treatment to patients regardless of their religion, race or politics and Medical need is the only criterion. For the United Orders this hospital has been the principal charity that they have supported for the past 100 years and more.

In Wales, the Members of the United Orders have been at the forefront in supporting the fine work of the hospital and, as a Province, were one of the first in the UK to have sent enough money to the Eye Hospital of Jerusalem to sponsor one of the Swifts on the Tree of Life set in the Muristan Garden in the Old City of Jerusalem and accordingly received the large Swift Award as part of that recognition.

It was the pleasure of the 1st Herald of the Gwent Preceptory, Kt. Luke Stokes (who also assisted in the Installation Ceremony), to transfer the Award to the safekeeping of the Fforest Preceptory - with the request that a delegation of Knights from that Preceptory should undertake a visit to the Sir William Marshall Preceptory No. 568 in order to transfer the Award in the same way that it was presented to them.

The Fforest Preceptory No. 582 meets 3 times a year at the Treharris Masonic Hall on the third Monday of February, the first Friday in June and the fourth Monday of October.

With thank to E.Kt. Chris Mugford, Prov.Swd.B., Monmouth and South Wales



Swift pins still available



For those who may not have been able to get their hands on one of the K.T. £20 for 2020 Appeal Swift Pins, there are still some available.

Provinces can order in bulk, or individuals can purchase single pins, by contacting Linda Read, Charities Finance Manager at M.M.H. at L.Read@mmh.org.uk

Pins are £20 each and funds raised will go to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

Northwich Preceptory No. 558



Last Friday, the Provincial Prior for Cheshire and North Wales, Right Eminent Knight Alan Pierce, led a team visit to Northwich Preceptory to witness Eminent Knight Andy Ferri taking the chair.

On arrival he was met by a good friend of the Province, Right Eminent Knight Peter Davies, K.C.T., Past Provincial Prior for Devonshire and Cornwall.

The Provincial Prior made comment that though this was the 124th meeting of the Preceptory "he was not old but had been at its Consecration meeting!"

A good night was had by all.

Pictured are the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.KT. Peter Butler; the Past Provincial Prior for Devonshire and Cornwall, R.E.Kt. Peter Davies, K.C.T., his brother, E.KT. David Davies; and the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Alan Pierce.

With thanks to E.Kt. Fraser Fowlie, P.Dep.Gt.Mar.

Hertfordshire Red Cross of Constantine Divisional Meeting



Saturday, 25 February saw the Divisional meeting of Hertfordshire take place at St Albans Masonic Hall, where R.III.Kt. Terry Deakin, Intendant-General, hosted the event, ably assisted by his Deputy, V.III.Kt. John Wickes, G.Sen.Gen.

Hertfordshire is one of the smaller Divisions but it was well supported by 10 visiting Intendants-General (some of 'the usual suspects' shown in the photograph) led by R.III.Kt. Bob Hancock, Intendant-General for Surrey. The event saw the installation and investiture of the new officers and a splendid festive board topped off the day.

The proceedings were a happy affair – and to see V.III.Kt. John Wickes stewarding the wine was worth the visit!

We wish Hertfordshire every success in growing the Division in the next twelve months and beyond.

With thanks to R.III.Kt. Alan Beckerton

Royal and Select Masters of Durham



On Friday, 24 February 2023, St Cuthbert's Council No 126 invited the District Grand Master of Durham, R.III.Comp. Michael Graham and his Team to attend the regular meeting of the Council,

where it was his desire to install a new Deputy District Grand Master and District Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.

The meeting was attended by 60 Companions including the District Grand Masters of Northumberland, and Cumberland and Westmoreland, R.III.Comp. John Harvey and R.III.Comp. Doug Sanderson respectively.

The District Grand Master, Michael Graham installed Ill.Comp. Bryan Kennedy as the new Deputy District Grand Master and Ill.Comp. John Stevenson as the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Works.



New Team for Durham

Ill.Comp. Stuart Whitaker, District Recorder; Ill.Comp. Bryan Kennedy, Deputy District Grand Master; R.III.Comp. Michael Graham, District Grand Master; Ill.Comp. John Stevenson, Principal Conductor of the Works

The Council then proceeded to perform the Select Master degree with 3 chosen candidates in what can only be described as a “near perfect ceremony”.



1 - St Cuthberts Council Officers meets his Distinguished guests;

L to R: Doug Sanderson, Dist.G.M., Cumb/West; Bryan Kennedy, Council D.M. and Dep.Dist.G.M., Durham; Den Wilson, P.Dist.G.M., Durham; Gary Walker, T.I.M.; Mark Gilpin, stand in P.C.W.; Michael Graham, Dist.G.M., Durham; John Harvey, Dist.G.M., N/Land; John Stevenson, Dist.G.P.C.W., Durham



2 - New Candidates at St Cuthberts Council No. 181 - the T.I.M. with his D.M., P.C.W., and 3 Candidates

The evening concluded at the Festive board where a super meal was well served, and all of the usual toasts were delivered and replied to.

With thanks to R.III.Comp. Michael Graham, District Grand Master

Family Affair - Consecration of the Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No. 100

St David's Day saw the Consecration of 144th Scarlet Cord Consistory at Carlisle.

The Grand Summus M.Dist.Comp. Ian Stanley Currans, assisted by Officers of Grand Senatus (including his brother Trevor Currans) Consecrated the new Consistory, Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No. 100, with his son Mark being Installed as the First President.



3 - Trevor Currans, Ian Currans, and Mark Currans.

Many Companions travelled to Carlisle for this special occasion: many from Scotland; at least 15 from Durham & Northumberland (including the Deputy Provincial Summus Gary Taylor, and Assistant Provincial Grand Summus Morgan McDonald); from Surrey; and one from Toulouse in France.



4 - Em.Comp. David McMorris (Primus Lectores); Dist.Comp. Mark Currans (President); and Em.Comp. Alan Buntain (Primus Ostiarum)



5 - Some of the Founders of the new Consistory



6 - The Grand Summus and Consecration Team



7 - Symbol of the Order



8 - Consecration Vessels



9 - The Grand Summus with his Grand Tzaddikim

The Grand Summus was a little apprehensive when the President (his son) of the new Consistory stood up to give the Toast to the Grand Summus. Mark was probably just as apprehensive when his father stood to give the Toast to the Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No 100.



10 - Mark giving Toast to Grand Summus (Dad)

Many “thank you’s”, and gifts were given by the new President. Included were the Organising Recorder Martyn Greene (who received many cans of Irn Brew (Our other national drink)); and Ian Currans (Rob Roy by Walter Scott (as Rob Roy McGregor lived new the new family home in Scotland)).



11 - Dist.Comp. Martyn William Greene, Organising Recorder



12 - Durham & Northumberland Contingent (less one) with the Grand Summus



13 - Surrey Companions

With thanks to Dist.Comp. Ewan Notman, P.G.Swd.B., Provincial Assistant Recorder, Durham & Northumberland

Provincial Grand Senatus of Kent



It was a lovely sunny day for the Annual Provincial Grand Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of Kent at Chatham Masonic Hall.

All visitors were welcomed by a free bacon and sausage bap and coffee.



It was a most enjoyable fourth meeting for R. Dist. Comp. Phil Clare as the Provincial Grand Summus for Kent and he oversaw the proceedings with great confidence.



He welcomed all the guests from around the country most warmly, especially R. Dist. Comp. Ray Clare who was attending his penultimate meeting as the Provincial Grand Summus for Essex and Phil Clare wished him a very Happy Retirement and thanked him for attending most of the Provincial Grand Meetings since he had become the Provincial Grand Summus for Essex. He will miss jokingly referring to him as his father which for many years a lot of the Companions really thought was the case.

He invested his Deputy Provincial Grand Summus Dist. Comp. James Trevillion and his Assistant Provincial Grand Summus Dist. Comp. Kevin Bampton and apart from investing as well 21 officers, the Province of Kent for the very first time had its very own Tzaddikim which the Provincial grand Summus received with great enthusiasm, inspected and invested them with their brand new collarettes.



An excellent meeting followed by an excellent festive board which is undoubtedly one of the best in Kent with the Companions enjoying a fine Tomato and Mozzarella starter allowed by a Steak and Lobster main course and Eton Mess for dessert .



The Deputy Provincial Grand Summus in his speech to R.Dist. Comp. Phil Clare spoke about his excellent long distance cycling achievements in raising many thousands of pounds for worthwhile causes that Phil supports.

Everybody left the meeting in good spirits and all stated how much they were looking forward to the next Annual meeting in 2024.

With thanks to Em.Comp. Bob Tuthill

[Click Here](#) to visit a photo gallery of the day

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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	Refreshment Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Ends	Roll Call Starts	Roll Call Ends
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - Imperial Conclave	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 Sematus	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 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Active & 1st	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	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 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Grandmasters	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	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 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	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 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT - visit	Great Priory of Malta	Tuesday, 21 November 2023	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	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 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

26/12/2023

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Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival

155th MBF Festival Banquet
Harrogate Conference Centre
Kings Road
Harrogate
HG1 5LA
Saturday, 1 July 2023
BOOK HERE
CLOSING DATE
30 APRIL 2023

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Additional support for earthquake rescue efforts



Further to last week's announcement that the MBF had made an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the Türkiye/Syria earthquakes rescue efforts, we have been inundated with requests to make it possible for Brethren, Lodges and Provinces to make donations to directly support the work of our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity.

It has been agreed that we will accept donations in to our MCF Relief Chest.

The donations will be channelled through our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity reg no. 1096479 and will also count towards MBF honorifics.

Donations for Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and Northern Syria should be sent using the following details:

MARK EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

MMM 185622

For Individual donations - Please add your **Surname** and the reference **Turkiye**

For Lodge donations – use the **Order** with **Lodge number** and the reference **Turkiye**

For Provincial donations – use the **Order** with **Province** and the reference **Turkiye**

To make a donation you can

- **use the QR Code below**
- [Click Here](#) to go to the donation page
- [Click Here](#) to download a Credit/Debit Card donation Form
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Mark Emergency Relief Fund
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To make a donation
scan with phone camera to open
or visit URL

<https://gtap.uk/mmm185622>



Please share with your Brethren and if you have any queries or concerns please contact the Charities Department at Mark Masons' Hall.

We thank you all for your generosity.

You can find out more by [Clicking Here](#) to read the latest ShelterBox update and there is additional info in the images below.

You can visit ShelterBox on their various media outlets:

<https://shelterbox.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox>

[ShelterBox](#)



£50,000 donated to ShelterBox

On Monday, 6 February 2023 a series of powerful earthquakes devastated southern Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and northern Syria. The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund were quick to act and by the close of business on Tuesday 7, had approved an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the rescue efforts in association with our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity. The charity is sending an emergency response team to carry out crucial assessments and establish how best their help can be deployed. Their international assessment team will arrive in Türkiye in a few days and will be liaising with contacts on the ground to establish how best to proceed.

The humanitarian need in Türkiye and Syria is immense and growing – it is the most devastating earthquake to hit the region in 100 years and could become the worst. The death toll is likely to rise significantly, and thousands of buildings have been destroyed in both countries leaving people homeless, with nowhere to sleep, in the middle of a bitter winter.

ShelterBox provides different combinations of emergency shelter aid and essential household items during its responses depending on what is needed. This could be sending tents and shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets and clothing to keep people warm through the freezing winter nights. It could be cash to help people buy what they need to survive. Or it could solar lights that help people when there is no electricity. Getting aid into countries and on to where it's needed after a disaster of this scale presents huge challenges especially with damage to infrastructure and supply routes. That's why ShelterBox strategically pre-positions aid around the world, including in Syria.

This donation of £50,000 from the Mark Benevolent Fund will allow ShelterBox to act quickly, adapting how they work to best support people affected by the earthquakes and allowing them to tailor aid packages to what is needed. There are currently no plans to set up a central fund from Mark Masons' Hall.

This is what the grant will be used for by the ShelterBox charity (information taken from the ShelterBox website):

SHELTERBOX TENT - £350

When disaster strikes, families need shelter to feel safe again. When they can't start rebuilding their homes immediately, durable tents can make them feel safe and protected.

Depending on the weather and the place, the shelter needs of families differ. That's why we're committed to providing families with the best possible solutions that suit their needs.

From padded tents that can safely accommodate a stove, to medium-sized tents that fit in small spaces and ones that can last years if needed, families can feel at home again.



SHELTER KITS - £60

We provide shelter kits which include a selection of hardwearing tools and materials that are customised to suit the needs of each community.

The tools and materials we send provide the essentials families need to start rebuilding homes straight away, ranging from tough tarpaulin and timber to corrugated sheeting and even room dividers.

The versatile tools we provide help with everything from clearing rubble to building shelters and even tending crops. Our tools can also be used to build furniture, cut firewood and make repairs.



BLANKETS - £7

Blankets, groundsheets and mattresses not only provide vital warmth, but comfort too when families are recovering from disaster. These simple items can be used in a variety of ways, from bedding to room dividers, and help turn a shelter into a home.



SOLAR LIGHTS - £11

Our solar lights can last up to 24 hours on just one charge on the lowest setting. They are lightweight and waterproof, making them easy to carry in any situation. Because they are so safe, cheap and easy to use, families use solar lights in different ways – for work, education, family activities, or simply moving around at night. They are more than just light – they can provide comfort and allow families to regain their livelihoods.



Find out more about the work of ShelterBox



<https://shelterbox.org/>



<https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox>



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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](https://gtap.uk/mmm185622).



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](#)

Social Media Guidelines



With our relatively new Pro Grand Masters 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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