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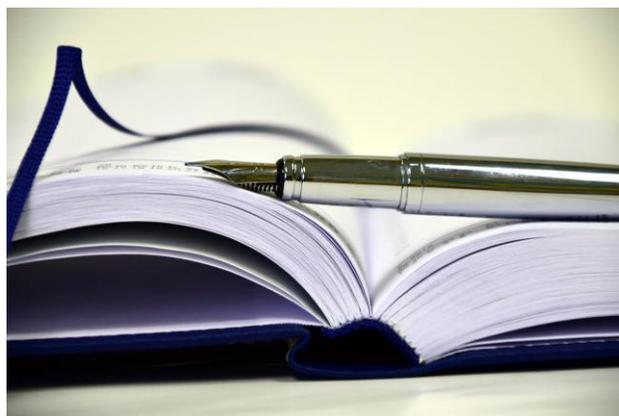
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Companion Orders Diary



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, 13 May - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Peter Furness, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall

Saturday, 13 May - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Dennis Andrew Freshwater, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Warwickshire

Wednesday, 17 May - K.T. Annual Chapter of Great Priory, Freemasons' Hall

Tuesday, 13 June - Mark Grand Lodge June Investiture meeting, Freemasons' Hall

Saturday, 24 June - Mark Installation of W.Bro. John David Sowerby, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Master for Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford

Saturday, 1 July - MBF Festival 2023 West Yorkshire - Harrogate

Saturday 1 July - R.C.C. Installation of V.III.Kt. Joseph Ebenezer Sudhakar, P.G.H.Alm., as Intendant-General for Cumbria

Thursday, 13 July - S.C. Consecration of Vale of Pickering Consistory No. 144, Province of North and East Yorkshire

Tuesday, 5 September - S.C. Consecration of King Arthur Consistory No. 143, Province of Somerset and Dorset

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

A most Royal occasion



Last weekend's Coronation of King Charles III saw footage beamed across the world and many Brethren have commented how nice it was to see the two Royal Grand Masters in attendance.

M.W.Bro. HRH Prince Michael of Kent, *GCVO*, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, arrived wearing the colourful regalia of the Royal Victorian Order (above, left).

While his elder Brother, HRH The Duke of Kent, *KG, GCMG, GCVO, ADC*, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, was clothed in the regalia of a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

With thanks to W.Bro. Paul Rowlands, P.A.G.D.C.

On your marks...



At a meeting of Castle Eden Mark Lodge No. 930 in September, they donated the proceeds of their collection and raffle to the Durham Mark 2029 Festival. The Provincial Grand Junior Warden, W.Bro. Gil Crossley (wearing number 1186), as the Provincial Grand Junior Warden, suggested that he and the Provincial Grand Senior Warden, W.Bro. Wayne Rumley (wearing number 1187), should take part in an activity together to raise funds, and suggested the Sunderland City 10K, due to be held on Sunday, 7 May. They both signed up.

Whilst training had been a little hit and miss due to a few niggles, they both set themselves a target of completing the race in under one hour, and we're pleased to say that it was mission accomplished, both did finish under the hour (Gil was quicker – for those wondering!)

So far, they have raised more than £500 towards the festival, with the promise of more to come.

There is a good chance this will now become an annual challenge for the period of the Festival, hopefully roping in the Active Wardens during each year!

If you would like to sponsor then, please follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DurhamMarkWardens>

With thanks to W.Bro. Wayne Rumley, Prov.G.S.W.



Another successful open-door event in Cheshire



Fidelity Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 31 recently hosted an open-door evening at Clifton Road, Birkenhead, in the presence of Cheshire Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Gary Horstman, accompanied by several Provincial Officers.



The 12 non-Mark Masons present were treated to an enjoyable explanation of the degree performed by a combination of the Provincial team, lead by Russ Dodd, and Lodge members.



The festive board was a themed Olde English night with Mike Conroy as Fynes Master, Mike ran the night in his usual inimitable style.



The nature of the open-door meetings is a gentle approach and explanation of our order, with the non-Mark Masons encouraged to enjoy themselves and discover why the Mark degree is important within the foundation of Freemasonry, and of course why we are known as the friendly degree.



As such, the success of each evening takes a little time to evaluate, but we are currently aware that over half of those attending have already agreed to join the Mark degree in Cheshire, and we look forward to our next event scheduled for September in Wallasey.

With thanks to W.Bro. John Miller, A.Prov.G.M.

St John's R.A.M. Lodge No. 28 proclaims Worshipful Commander and Elevates a Candidate



At the Regular Meeting of the St John's Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 28 (which is the Oldest Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in the Province) held on 19 April at the Cardiff Masonic Hall, the present Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Robert G. Payne (who is an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft Province of South Wales) was proclaimed as the Worshipful Commander for the forthcoming year 2023/24. The Proclamation was made by W.Bro. Chris M.L. Davies, G.D.C. (who is also an Assistant Provincial Grand Master in the Craft Province of South Wales) who was "standing in" as Director of Ceremonies.

In addition, a Ceremony of Elevation was held for the Candidate, Bro. Mark J. Law. The Worshipful Commander was assisted in carrying out the Ceremony by W.Bro. Ralph A. Jeffery R.A.M.G.R. (the Senior Past Commander of the Lodge) who presented the Working Tools, and by W.Bro. Dennis Tucker (an ever-present Visitor to the Lodge) who gave the explanation of the steps, and by the Chaplain, W.Bro. Chris Mugford.

The Meeting was followed by a memorable after-proceedings and the usual excellent repast of the Cardiff Masonic Hall.

With thanks to W.Bro. Chris Mugford Prov.R.A.M.G.R.









New Eminent Preceptor for Menevia Preceptory No. 427



At the Meeting of the Menevia Preceptory No. 427 at the Aberaeron Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 3 May, the Eminent Preceptor, E.Kt. Stephen Doyle, conducted two Ceremonies of Installation of the new Eminent Preceptor and Prior, Stephen Smith.

The Installation Ceremonies were attended by Right Eminent Knight Dr Paul Calderwood, the Provincial Prior of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales, together with a number of Great Priory Officers, Provincial Officers and Brother Knights. The Provincial Marshal, Eminent Knight Carl Davies, in addition to his own duties, undertook the duties of the Preceptory Marshal who was acting in another capacity.

In the latter, domestic part of the Ceremonies, new members of the Preceptory were presented with their Certificates in the Temple and Malta meetings. The explanations of the Certificates were given by the Provincial Prior.

In the convivial after-proceedings, the Provincial Prior congratulated E.Kt. Stephen Doyle on conducting the two Ceremonies and E.Kt. Stephen Smith on being Installed as the new Eminent Preceptor.

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





All ears in Malaysia Conclave R.C.C. No. 476



The Knights Companion of Malaysia Conclave No. 476, together with Selangor Rose Croix Chapter No. 285, organized an Easter Luncheon for Knights and Princes, with their families on 1st April in support of Trinity Care Home and Rumah Charis Orphanage, both based in Kuala Lumpur. The event attracted 140 individuals of which 66 were children, 29 of whom were from form Trinity and Rumah Charis.



When mentioned to our Craft District Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Dato' Jeraraja Ratnaswammy, a member of both Orders, he willingly gave us the Read Masonic Centre Temple and Dining Room free of any charges. This gesture demonstrated the links between Companion Orders and the Craft. We were wonderfully supported by individuals and lodges sponsoring tables, including M.W.Bro. Dr Khoo Boo Khean as Grand Master of both the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, both daughters of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, John Kuravilla as Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Athelstan together with individual lodges under the English, Irish and Scottish Constitutions. The whole demonstrating Masonry Universal.



The event started with a short service of reflection, focusing as it was the day before Palm Sunday's Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem, and his Resurrection. The Knights present processed in, wearing our sashes, M.P.Kt. Russel Stuart. our MPS; W.Kt. David Oakley; W.Kt. Lawrence Annis, W.Kt. Ian Ellston; and W.Kt Anthony Antony Ramesh , Secretary of Malaysia Conclave and MWS of Selangor Rose Croix, wearing his Rose Croix Collar. W.Kt Ian acted as our Guide. Note, Ian left his regalia at home, so took a Grand sash from his regalia sales stock... a member for over 30 years, he is still to go through the chair of MPS. W.Kt. Ramesh welcomed all, and reading were given by W.Kts Russell, Lawrence and Ramesh.



Pictured above: W.Kt. Lawrence Annis; M.P.Kt. Russell Stuart, MPS; W.Kt. Antony Ramesh, MWS; W.Kt. Ian Ellston; W.Kt David Oakley.

Following our short service of reflection, we all retired from the Grand Temple to the dining room with a wonderful spread of Malaysian food and Italian pizzas. Pizzas donated by W.Kt. Tony Anastasi, a local restauranter and member of both Orders. Children (and adults) enjoyed a wonderful Clown Show, ice creams, and of course the Easter Egg hunt itself. Easter Eggs are hard to find in Malaysia, so they went on the hunt for tokens which could be exchanged for Easter gifts.



Though in the Rose Croix and Red Cross of Constantine we are small in numbers, we still managed to give Trinity and Rumah Charis 2000MYR (approx. £350.00) each.



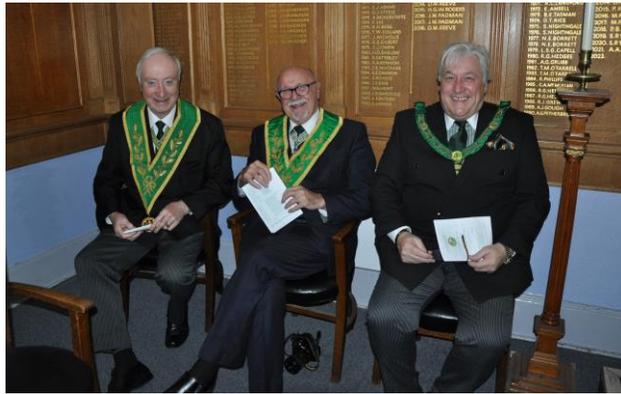
Of course these events work not only because of the Brethren, but because of wives partners and supporters, including Mrs Cindy Stuart, Mrs Gui Oakley, Ms Fiona Yap and Mrs Dove Radziuns

And where would Easter be without Bunny Ears... Joining us is Bro. Saulius Radziuns an accomplished musician and an Entered Apprentice in Baldwyn Lowick Lodge 7004, who officiated at the organ for us in the service of Reflection.

With thanks to W.Kt. Ian Ellston



Another busy morning for Southern Cross Council



In April, the Brethren of Southern Cross Council No. 13 had another busy morning with ten Candidates for the Degree of the Red Cross of Babylon. Present at the meeting was the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French; the Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill; and the Past District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Ray Hussey (pictured above).

As well as the District Grand Prefect of the District of the Southern Counties, R.W.Bro. Mike Wheelan.



Plus, Heads of other Orders in Surrey.



And elsewhere.



The Degree of St. Lawrence the Martyr was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Denis Leigh. After taking the minutes we voted to make V.W.Bro. John H Prizeman, P.G.Reg. (*Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Master Masons*).an Honorary Member. Our District Grand Prefect said this was to keep a promise he made to the Pro Grand Master at the luncheon after he was installed as Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey where he presented John with a Surrey A.M.D. napkin.



A Lodge of St Lawrence was then adjourned, and a Council of Red Cross of Babylon was opened by the Reverend Prelate, W.Bro. Bob Hancock, G.St.B.



Ten Brethren were Constituted and Created as Knights of the Red Cross of Babylon. The representative Candidate was Bro. Andrew Banks, a member of Farnham Council.



The Thrice Illustrious Sovereign was V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes



And the Master of Inventory was W.Bro. George Deacon, P.G.St.B. (*Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*)



It was a most impressive ceremony conducted by the members of Southern Cross Council, and one that the ten Candidates will long remember. After the ceremony was completed, Bro. Andrew was congratulated by our District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John French, and our Deputy District Grand Prefect, W.Bro. Bob Tuthill.



The Candidates then lined up for a group photo with our District Grand Prefect, and our Deputy District Grand Prefect.



The Council of the Red Cross of Babylon was closed, the Worshipful Master took his chair and resumed the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr. After the regular business of the Council had been completed the Lodge of St Lawrence the Martyr was closed and we all gathered for a group photo.



It was good to see the newly installed Intendant-General of the Red Cross of Constantine, Simon McCarthy, seen here with the Past Intendant-General, Bob Hancock, and the Deputy Intendant-General, Andrew Sales.



As well as two Active A.M.D. Grand Officers, W.Bro. Bob Hancock and W.Bro. Ian Clark (*past Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey*)



Along with W.Bro. David Blackburn, the District Grand Master of the District of Surrey in the Order of Royal and Select Masters.



To round off a most enjoyable morning, the Brethren of Southern Cross Council and their guests sat down to a splendid lunch at the Surbiton Masonic Hall.

With thanks to W.Bro. Chris Eley, Dist.G.S.W.

Presentations to First Responders Groups in O.S.M. Province of Staffordshire and Shropshire



Presentation of funds accumulated in the O.S.M. Province of Staffordshire and Shropshire of £1000, matched by funding of £1000 from the O.S.M. Benevolent Fund, and designated for the region's 'First Responders', were recently presented to the St John's Ambulance Charity in Shropshire and Staffordshire.

St John's Ambulance specialise in the training of the First Responders who are amongst the first to arrive at the scene of an emergency, such as an accident, disaster, medical emergency, and provide medical assistance particularly in our rural Counties.

The first £1000 was presented to David Davies of the Shropshire St John's Oswestry Unit at a recent meeting of the Cae Maser Conclave by V.Wy.Bro. Michael Brown, P.G.V., accompanied by V.Wy.Bro. Michael Butterworth, Prov.G.Treas. The funds will be used to purchase a defibrillator for training purposes (see above).

The second £1000 was presented to Jon Mannion, District Manager of the Staffordshire St John's unit, at Rugeley, prior to a meeting of the Dr Alan George Conclave, by V.Wy.Bro. Michael Butterworth accompanied by Wy.Bro. George Steele, *CstJ*, Prov.G.V., Chair of St John Priory Group Staffordshire and Wolverhampton and will be used for training kit for First Responders (see below).

With thanks to Wy.Bro. Graham Holden, Dep.Prov.G.S.R.



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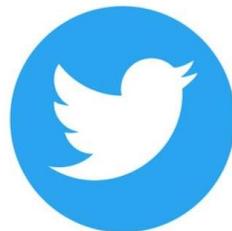
Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders, and how we share the most up-to-date information with members. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent 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 2023 - All Orders

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

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Rehearsal Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Finishes	Dinner Starts	Annual Dinner
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:30 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	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
SC	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 4 May 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 17 May 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Active & SA	Tuesday, 18 June 2023	PMH, 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	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Propositions	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	PMH, 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	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	PMH, 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	PMH, 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	PMH, 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	PMH, 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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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 **Türkiye**

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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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>

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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 be 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 hardware 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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Mark Emergency Relief Fund

At the meeting of Mark Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund would be donating £25,000 to the Mark Inspectorate of Romania who have been working proactively in many ways to provide support and relief to their neighbours in Ukraine.

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

We have set up a Relief Chest with the M.C.F. under the name of the **Mark Emergency Relief Fund** and you can now make donations in a variety of ways.

We know that there is enormous support for this already. To make the administration of donations as smooth as possible, enabling funds to be transferred efficiently to where they are needed most, we ask that you note the following advice regarding donations:

For individual donations of less than £100 - please make arrangements with your Mark Lodge for these to be collected centrally and then for the Lodge to make one consolidated donation into the Fund. These consolidated donations will count toward the Lodge's M.B.F. honorifics, rather than each individuals.

Donations of £100 or more may be made by individuals directly into the fund and will count towards the Brother's M.B.F. Honorifics

In all correspondence please ensure you are donating to:

Mark Emergency Relief Fund

Relief Chest No.: **MMM185622**

The quickest and easiest way to donate is by scanning the QR code below or following this [Link](#).

Mark Emergency Relief Fund
MMM185622

To make a donation
scan with phone camera to open
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<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](#)

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.

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

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[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

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[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.

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







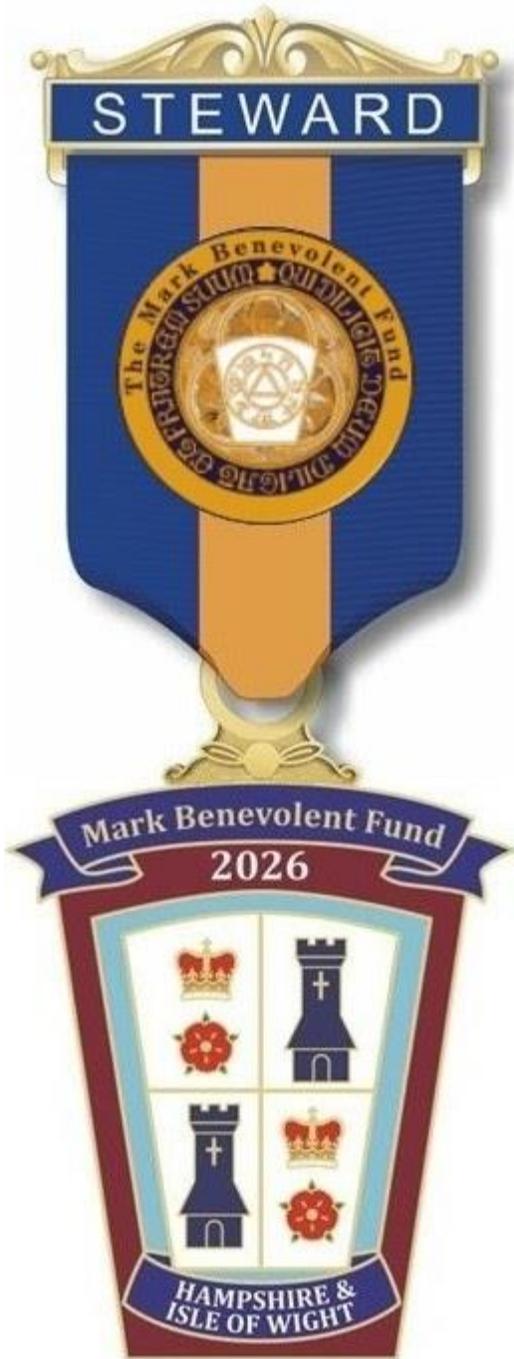
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Mark Benevolent Fund
2025



OXFORDSHIRE











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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