

Freemasonry@86 News - 23 June 2023



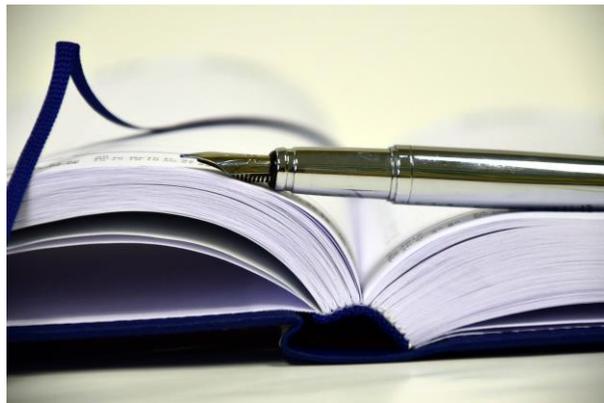
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Companion Orders Diary



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, 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

Tuesday, 4 July - R.C.C. Grand Imperial Conclave, Freemasons' Hall - [Click Here](#) for more info

Saturday, 8 July - R.S.M. Installation of Ill.Comp. Gary Michael Peard, P.G.Swd.B., as District Grand Master for Devon & Cornwall

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

Monday, 24 July - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Stuart Robert Offord, P.G.St.B., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Norfolk

Tuesday, 25 July - O.S.M. Amalgamation of the Provinces of Durham and Northumberland into the North-East Province, and Installation of Wy.Bro. John David Watts, P.G.Swd.B., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler

Friday, 28 July - S.C. Consecration of Charlemagne Consistory No. 145, Province of Essex

Wednesday, 30 August - S.C. Consecration of Wiivnhou Consistory No. 146, Province of Essex

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

Does Temple Lodge of Mark Master Masons have a 91 year record?



Installation meetings by their very nature happen every year, so the fact that Temple Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.322 held theirs at Oakley House, Bromley on Saturday 10th June was no surprise.

What is surprising, is the story of the newly Installed Worshipful Master, Simon Athwal and his two Wardens – Charles Clark and Michael Thomas.

When we spoke with Simon (30) after his Installation, he told us “I thoroughly enjoyed the occasion and I am honoured to occupy the Chair of Temple Mark Lodge, with the support of my good friends Charlie and Michael as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively.”

Charlie (30) added “ I have known Simon since our sixth-form days and Mike for a similar amount of time. In our early twenties we used to run a Sunday League football club with a group of friends in Chislehurst.”

Simon was initiated into Freemasonry in November 2013 (aged 21) into the Burnt Ash Lodge No. 6285, after being proposed by his now father-in-law, Perri Ahmet. After Charlie attended a Ladies Night, Simon then proposed him into Burnt Ash in October 2015, and did the same for Mike in January 2016. The three of them progressed through the offices, with Simon installing Charlie into the Chair in June 2022. Charlie then conferred the same honour on Mike earlier this month.

Mike (31) informed us that, “All three of us have since followed Perri into the Mark & Royal Ark Mariner degrees (Temple Lodges No.322) and the Holy Royal Arch (Burnt Ash Chapter No. 6285).”

Charlie added, “Saturday’s Installation Meeting capped a very special three days, as in between the two Installations, we attended the West Kent Provincial Investiture Meeting, where Simon was on duty as Provincial Grand Steward (Craft), I was being invested to the same rank. It has been a wonderful journey so far and I can genuinely say that joining Freemasonry has been the best decision I have ever made. Personally, it led me to adult Christian faith, but more generally for the three of us, I know it has helped us grow as men and as brothers with our brethren in the Lodges and Chapter we are members of.”

Since the post-Covid resumption of Freemasonry Temple Mark and R.A.M. Lodges have seen something of a resurgence, with some excellent new candidates and joining members, who are already taking important offices.

In conclusion all three spoke as one to “Encourage all Master Masons to join the Mark degree – it is a natural progression from Craft Masonry and is conducted in a relaxed atmosphere of committed Freemasons.”

Have you worked out the potential record yet?

Well 91 was the combined age of Simon – Worshipful Master, Charlie – Senior Warden and Mike – Junior Warden at the Installation meeting. Surely the lowest combined age of the three principal officers, unless of course you know different?

Pictures, top, are, L-R, Charles Clark, Simon Athwal, & Michael Thomas

Prince Michael of Kent Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1913



Prince Michael of Kent Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1913 held their Installation meeting in Salters Masonic Hall, Barbados, on the same day that our Grand Master celebrated 40 yrs as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Freemasons' Hall, London.

The new Master is W.Bro. Elson A. Gaskin, pictured above with his Officers and Brethren. The Assistant District Grand Master was there, Bro. Alfred Taylor from Freemasons Without Borders, plus the Master of Albion Mark Lodge No. 212, and seven other Brethren.

With thanks to W.Bro. Richard Mayers, P.A.G.D.C.

**PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT LODGE
OF MARK MASTER MASONS
NO. 1913 E.R.**

In the
District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons
of South & East Caribbean
R. W. Bro. Stephen Brian Cobham, District Grand Master



CONSECRATED MAY 15th, 2010

Worshipful Master: W. Bro. Arindale F. Edwards

**THE MASONIC CENTRE, SALTERS, ST. GEORGE
BARBADOS**

Dear Sir and Brother,

By command of the Worshipful Master you are hereby summoned/invited to the Annual Installation Meeting of The Lodge to be held at The Masonic Centre, Salters, St. George on Tuesday, June 13th at 7:30 pm.

I am,
Yours faithfully and fraternally,


Bro. Raffael O. Lovell
Secretary

Dress: Formal/ Lounge Suit (DGL Tie)


Coal-of-Arms
of
Prince Michael of Kent GCVO

PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT LODGE No. 1913

I.P.M: W. Bro. John Paul St. C. Stuart

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023

Worshipful Master	W. Bro. Arindale F. Edwards
Senior Warden	Bro. Elson A. Gaskin J.P., DGStwd
Junior Warden	Bro. Michael R. Edwards
Master Overseer	Bro. Barry Lee S. D. Crawford
Senior Overseer	Bro. Michael M. McClean
Junior Overseer	Bro. David B. Ellis
Chaplain	W. Bro. Maurice I.A. Gaskin PDGJD, DGInsWks
Treasurer	Bro. Ryan O. Best
Registrar of Marks	Vacant
Charity Steward	Bro. Renato B Sealy
Secretary	Bro. Raffael O. Lovell
Director of Ceremonies	W. Bro. Gregory P. B. Nicholls, PDDGS, DGReg
Almoner	W. Bro. Graham C. Archer J.P., DAGDC
Senior Deacon	Bro. Dr. Leo F. Brewster
Junior Deacon	Bro. Ryan D. Simmons
Assistant Dir. of Ceremonies	Vacant
Assistant Secretary	Vacant
Inner Guard	Bro. Calderon N. P. Walrond
Steward	Bro. Joseph C. T. Evelyn
Steward	Bro. Matthew A. Clarke
Tyler	Bro. Kevin C. Walters

MEMBERS ELECTED TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

W. Bro. Gregory P.B. Nicholls	Bro. Matthew Clarke
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MEMBERS ELECTED TO PERMANENT COMMITTEE

Bro. Barry Lee S. D. Crawford	Bro. Dr. Leo F. Brewster
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CHAIRPERSON – FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Bro. Calderon N. P. Walrond

PAST MASTERS OF THE LODGE

W. Bro. Michael W. Smith PDGTreas.	2010	W. Bro. Maurice I.A. Gaskin DGJD	2016
W. Bro. Michael W. Smith PDGTreas.	2011	W. Bro. Edzji A. Edinboro DGStdBr	2017
*W. Bro. Nicholas O. Harrison PADGS	2012	W. Bro. Wendell R. Walker DGStdBr	2018
W. Bro. Gregory P.B. Nicholls DDGS	2013	W. Bro. Wendell R. Walker DGStdBr	2019
W. Bro. Andre S.F. Harding PAGDC DGDC	2014	W. Bro. Henderson E. Franklin	2020
W. Bro. Graham C. Archer DAGDC	2015	W. Bro. John-Paul St.C. Stuart	2021

* Deceased

HONORARY MEMBERS

R. W. Bro. Stephen B. Cobham, DGM	W. Bro. Eric G. Williams, PGJD
V. W. Bro. Peter M. Ross, PGJO, PDDGM	W. Bro. Doodnauth Persaud, PGSD
W. Bro. U. A. M. Husbands, PGJD	W. Bro. Mark G. Prescott, PGStBr
W. Bro. G. Llewellyn Gill, PGJO, PADGM	W. Bro. Reynold Hintzen, PDGSW
W. Bro. W. T. Basil Lavine, ADGM, PGJD	W. Bro. A.V. Anderson, PDGJW

NOTICES

Prince Michael of Kent Lodge meets 2nd Wednesday in March and December, 2nd Tuesday in June (Installation night) and 2nd Thursday in September

ANNUAL DUES WERE DUE AND PAYABLE ON APRIL 1, 2023. ONLY MEMBERS WHO ARE FINANCIAL CAN BE APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE LODGE. MEMBERS IN ARREARS ARE ASKED TO SETTLE IMMEDIATELY

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AGENDA

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To read the notice convening the meeting and the agenda attached thereto.
3. To receive the R.W. District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South & East Caribbean, or his designate
4. To confirm the minutes of the regular meeting of Wednesday March 8th, 2023.
5. To receive the Treasurer's report for the period ended May 31st, 2023.
6. To receive the Auditors' Report for the year ended May 31st, 2023.
7. To receive the Almoner's Report.
8. To Install the Master-Elect, **Bro. Elson Alrick Gaskin DGStwd**, who will then appoint and invest his officers for the year 2023/2024.
9. To appoint a Tyler for the Year 2023/2024 in accordance with regulation 108(ji) of the Book of Constitutions and Regulations.
10. To Ballot for as candidates for Advancement:

Name: W. Bro. Bryan Andre Odwin John	Name: Bro. Victor Rudolph Leslie
D.O.B.: August 11, 1967	D.O.B.: April 6 th , 1991
Address: Seniors Plantation, St. Andrew	Address: Whitehall #2, St. Michael
Craft Lodge: Union Lodge No. 7551	Craft Lodge: Union Lodge No. 7551
Proposer: Bro. Elson A. Gaskin	Proposer: Bro. Elson A. Gaskin
Seconder: W. Bro. Wendell R. Walker	Seconder: W. Bro. Wendell Walker
11. To consider the motion: "*Be it resolved that a sum not exceeding \$500.00 be donated to the Freemasons Association of Barbados to assist with repairs to the dais at The Masonic Centre.*"
Proposed by: W. Bro. Maurice Gaskin Seconded by: Bro. Calderon Walrond
12. To receive Notice of Motions
13. To receive Petitions
14. Risings
FIRST RISING
Communications from Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons
SECOND RISING
Communications from District Grand Lodge of South and East Caribbean
THIRD AND FOURTH RISINGS
Correspondence/ General Business/ Obituaries/ Fraternal Greetings/ Charity
15. To close The Lodge

Also this week, Richard Mayers, who is the District Grand Prefect for South and East Caribbean in the A.M.D., was busy helping feed the needy with over 160 portions of soup at his local soup project. This is Richard's 20th month involved with Slow Food Kitchen and the Soup Project.









An MBF Double Presentation!



At the meeting of the Royal Colonial Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 728 last Friday, Charities Manager, W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D., was delighted to present his fellow Lodge mate, Bro. Mark Neale, with not only his MBF Grand Patron Award but also his newly launched Grand Master's Keystone Fund breast jewel. Bro. Mark can also claim a small piece of Masonic history in becoming the first Brother to receive and wear this special piece of regalia. Bro. Mark said he was delighted with the double presentation and looked forward to receiving more news of the new fund.

The Grand Master's Keystone Fund was officially launched at Mark Grand Lodge on 13th June by H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, *GCMG*, the Presiding officer.

The Fund, which celebrates the 40th Anniversary of His Royal Highness as our Grand Master. Find out more [here](#):

With thanks to W.Bro. Darren W. Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D., Charities Manager



New Members for St Aubyn RAM



A wonderful evening was held at the St Aubyn Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, which had not only an Elevation ceremony, and joining member, but four Honorary Members were proposed and accepted into the Lodge.

It was a very auspicious occasion with not only a visit from the Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother David Purdie, but he was joined by Right Worshipful Brother Ryan A. Williams, Grand Secretary; Worshipful Brother John P. Clendenning, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and Worshipful Brother Christopher Elliot, Provincial Grand Secretary. The Honorary memberships to these four Brethren, were conferred in recognition of the outstanding contributions made for the good of Order in general and for this Province in particular during the Covid-19 pandemic. Sadly, Right Worshipful Brother Peter Balsom, the Past Provincial Grand Master, was unable to attend that meeting, and his membership will be conferred at a later date.



Right Worshipful Brother Ryan Williams was also presented with a Provincial tie, and welcomed into becoming a member of our friendly Province.

It was also wonderful to see the excellent elevation of Brother Paul Baldry into our order, along with Brother Alan Vangorph becoming a joining member of the Lodge.

The evening was finished off with a fine festive board where much joviality was had by all.
Congratulations to the Worshipful Master and his team for putting on such an excellent evening.

With thanks to R.W.Bro. David C Purdie, Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire



A Royally good Lecture at the Preceptory of Tutelage



On Thursday, 1 June, the Preceptory of Tutelage No. 633 in the Province of Northumberland was honoured to receive a talk from R.E.Kt. Dr Paul Richard Calderwood, the Provincial Prior for Monmouth and South Wales, entitled “Royal Support for Knight Templar Freemasonry in Britain”.

R.E.Kt. Paul is a renowned masonic scholar, researcher and author. He is a Past Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge (the premier Lodge of masonic research in England) and was the UGLE Prestonian Lecturer in 2013, taking as his subject the association of Freemasonry with the local and national press. His latest book, “This Chequered Existence”, was published in 2021 and is a history of Freemasonry in the twentieth century.

His impeccably researched and presented talk described the involvement of many members of the Royal Family in Freemasonry in general, and with the Great Priory of Knights Templar in particular. Our own Order has been privileged to have had HM King George VI as a Past Grand Master, and HRH Edward, Duke of Kent; HM Queen Victoria and HM King Edward VII as a Patron or Grand Patron.

Having lived and worked in the north-east of England many moons ago, Paul was delighted to have the opportunity to take a mini-break, with his wife, exploring the many areas of historical and cultural interest in Northumberland and Durham – and even managed to arrange good weather, which stayed uncharacteristically mild, sunny and dry during his sojourn.

The photograph shows the Eminent Preceptor of Tutelage Preceptory, E.Kt. David Moses, flanked by our guest speaker, the Provincial Prior and Past Provincial Prior, and many members of the Preceptory with their guests from across the Province.

With thanks to Kt. Nick Deakin

First Australian to become Eminent Preceptor for the Cefn Ydfa Preceptory No. 579.



At the meeting of the Cefn Ydfa Preceptory No. 579 on 15 June 2023 held at the Bridgend Masonic Hall, the Eminent Preceptor, E. Kt. Michael Davies, conducted the Ceremony of Installation of the new Eminent Preceptor R. John Hibberd, who is the first Australian to be the Eminent Preceptor and Prior in the history of the Preceptory and Priory.

The second Ceremony of Installation, that of the Eminent Prior, was carried out in his usual inimitable fashion by E. Kt. Andy Thomas, a Past Eminent Preceptor.

The Installation Ceremonies were attended by Right Eminent Knight Dr Paul Calderwood (the Provincial Prior of the Province of Monmouth and South Wales), E.Kt. Richard J. Phillips, P.Gt.A.-de-C., (the Provincial Sub-Prior) together with a large number of Great Priory Officers, Provincial Officers and Brother Knights. The Provincial Marshal, Eminent Knight Carl Davies, in addition to his own duties, undertook his regular duties of Preceptory Marshal.

During the first Ceremony, E.Kt. Richard J. Phillips, P.Gt.A.-de-C., presented and gave extensive explanations of Great Priory Certificates to Kt. Simon Jones, Kt. Philip Popp, Kt Steven Slade and Kt. Gerald Williams. In the second Ceremony Right Eminent Knight Dr Paul Calderwood presented and gave extensive explanations of Great Priory Certificates of Malta to the Knights.

The highly enjoyable Festive board was held in the dining hall of the Bridgend Masonic Hall, where the Knights were treated to the excellent repast for which the Hall has now become recognised. It should be noted from the photos in the Temple that "Sir William the Cat" was again present and that his significant Charitable collection in the Festive Board will be donated to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital Fund.





Additionally, a further six Knight Templar Candidates were admitted to the Malta Degree at the Regular Meeting of the Temple Slebech Preceptory of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard No. 602, on 16 June 2023, at the Bridgend Masonic Hall in the Province of Monmouth and South Wales.

This follows the recent admission of a total of 28 new Malta Knights for the Province in less than four months. As the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Dr Paul R. Calderwood, said recently "It is a further welcome illustration of the way in which the United Orders have bounced back throughout Monmouth and South Wales since the end of the Lockdowns, reflecting the number of Companions who have become Knights Templar over the past year".

The meeting at Bridgend was presided over, in his usual forthright and inimitable manner, by the Eminent Prior, E.Kt. Andrew Thomas, and it was attended not only by R.E.Kt. Dr Paul R. Calderwood, but also by the Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Richard J. Phillips, plus a number of Great Officers,

Provincial Officers, the active Members of the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard (with their Charity Mascot "Sir William the Cat") and a large gathering of Knights of the Order.

The new Knights were Obligated and invested by the Eminent Prior, E.Kt. Andrew Thomas and then E.Kt. P. James, P.Gt.Cpt.Gds., gave an impressive rendition of the Address to the new Knights.

At the highly enjoyable Festive board "Sir William the Cat" was again present and his significant Charitable collection of over £60 will be donated to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital Fund.

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







Red Cross Divisional Church Service 2023



On Sunday, 11 June 2023, R.III.Kt. Graham Edwin Williams, our Intendant-General, along with a goodly number of Knights of the West Lancashire Division, with their wives and friends, attended St Michael and All Angels Church in Croston for the Annual Divisional Church Service.

St Michael's is Croston Parish Church and records from 1075 record Church activity in Croston. The oldest stonework at St Michaels dates to 13th Century with many restorations over subsequent years due to the Church standing on the banks of the River Yarrow and the land frequently saturated by its repeated flooding. Suffice it to say, St Michaels is a magnificent setting for the Church Service of a Christian Masonic & Military Order.



<https://sway.office.com/SB0MW5adt9KHZSGf#content=RCpCcDPfAqBI7T>

1 - Video of Procession into Church

During the service, readings were given by Graham and his Deputy, V.III.Kt. Stephen Gregory. The Divisional High Prelate, Gratten William, delivered a Sermon befitting the occasion which reflected on the readings from both Old and New Testaments. He went on to draw comparisons from both those readings and the expectations and aspirations of members of society today which don't often show much empathy with Christian life.



2 - Gratten and Graham

Following the Service, we all retired to the Church Hall where our Ladies had provided a super buffet help along with a cup of tea or coffee. A magnificent cake which is pictured towards the end of this report, formed the centre piece of the buffet.



3 - Joined by the Banner Bearer P.Kt. David Hickman

If you are a member of the Red Cross, and haven't attended the Church Service previously, put the date in your diary for next year now! 9 June 2024 - You won't regret it.



4 - The Magnificent Cake

If you are not a member of the Red Cross, why aren't you? You would, however, still be made welcome to join us in our devotions.

With thanks to Ill.Kt. Mike Beesley, P.G.Chamb.

Red Cross of Constantine in East Midlands Division



The annual Appendant Orders meeting of the East Midlands Division of the Red Cross of Constantine took place on Saturday, 21 January 2023. This annual January event was cancelled in January 2021 due to the Covid epidemic and delayed from January 2022 due to uncertainties over the pandemic and eventually occurred in April 2022.

The Intendant-General, Right Illustrious Knight S. Jon Manby, welcomed over 90 Worthy Knights attending the meeting, with 21 different members operating the various offices, plus 7 members of the Intendant-General's Sepulchre Guard. The ceremony was held at Leicester Masonic Centre in the splendid main temple where seven Knights received the accolade of Knight of the Holy Order of St John the Evangelist; and Knight of the Noble and Invincible Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Those Knights receiving the honour were: W.Kt. Simon Sharman, W.Kt. Duncan Keats, W.Kt. Montgomery Katchick, W.Kt. Peter Godsall, W.Kt. Leo Brown, W.Kt. Daniel Afilaka, W.Kt. Paul Hoffman and W.Kt. Jeremy Kinder. Each of them being very impressed by the overall magnificence of the ceremony held in such an amazing location.

This was followed by a very enjoyable and convivial lunch.

On Thursday, 11 of May 2023, the East Midlands Divisional Conclave was held at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton. The Intendant-General was supported by his executive team and eleven further Right Illustrious Intendants-General from Divisions across the country, together with several Deputy Intendants-General and Divisional Recorders, and over sixty Knights of the East Midlands Division.

Right Illustrious Knight S. John Manby then proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers of the East Midlands Division and his Sepulchre Guard; following which he then gave his address which focused upon an initiative whereby the Divisional Executive will assist each Conclave with a programme to promote the Order and encourage recruitment.

The Right Illustrious Intendant-General then proceeded to invest the Divisional Recorder, Illustrious Knight Tim Barrett, with a field promotion to Past Divisional Viceroy.

The meeting concluding with Illustrious Knight David J. Smith receiving a Divisional Certificate of Merit from the Right Illustrious Intendant-General for his significant contribution to the East Midlands Division and the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine in general.

Following the meeting a very convivial festive board was enjoyed by over eighty Knights and was attended by the Craft Provincial Grand Secretary for Bedfordshire; Worshipful Brother Anthony Green, PAGDC.







A Special Day for Stydd Conclave No. 302



17 June 2023 was indeed a special day for Stydd Conclave No. 302. Apart from welcoming the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign, Graham Leslie Flight, G.C.C., to their regular meeting at Preston Masonic Hall, the meeting itself proved special. After being announced by the Grand Marshal, V.III.Kt. Paul A. Norman, P.G.H.Alm, the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign entered accompanied by the Grand Sepulchre Guard and received salutations and a warm welcome from the M.W.S, M.P.Kt. Stephen Croasdale.



5 - The Grand Sovereign with M.P.S. Steve Croasdale

The first part of the meeting was to Install Companion Philip Woods, the son of one of our senior members, as a Knight of the Order. The ceremony was conducted by the M.P.S. M.P.Kt. Croasdale, the accolade being conducted by the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign. After the ceremony the

Grand Sovereign presented certificates to Philip Woods and to another new Knight, Paul McKernan, explaining the content.



6 - The Grand Sovereign with Philip Woods



7 - The Grand Sovereign with Paul McKernan

Next came the celebration of 50 years as a member of the Red Cross of Constantine for Ill.Kt. David K. Rhodes, Past Gran Orator and a Founder of the Conclave.



8 - The Grand Sovereign with David Rhodes

This was conducted by the Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign who related Ill.Kt. Rhodes' experience in all aspects of Freemasonry, at the conclusion of which the Grand Sovereign made a Field Promotion, promoting Ill.Kt. Rhodes to Past Grand Junior General, a rare appointment which raises him to the title of Very Illustrious Knight.

This was followed by a light lunch attended by 51 members and visitors, during which the Intendant-General, Rt.Ill.Kt. Stephen William Bolton, presented a cheque on behalf of the Division to the Grand Sovereign for £2000.00 in favour of the Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund.

With thanks to P.Kt. Terry McGill, P.Div.S.Gen. and Photographs by Ernest Gavan



9 - Grand Sovereign, with Philip and Bill Woods (son & father)



10 - The Grand Sovereign with M.P.S. Steve Croasdale and the Intendant-General Stephen Bolton

A Scarlet Cord visit to The Chilterns



On Monday, 19 June, a delegation from Surrey attended the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Senatus of The Chilterns held at Ashwell House, St Albans.

When we arrived, we received a very warm welcome from R.Dist.Comp. Dr Silverio Ostrowski, Provincial Grand Summus.



Having assembled the Right Distinguished Companions.



The Companions were called to Order by the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Dist. Comp. Alan Baverstock, to receive the Provincial Grand Summi from other Provinces, who entered the Temple in procession.



The Provincial Grand Summus then entered the Temple preceded by the Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and followed by the Provincial Grand Standard Bearer.



Provincial Grand Senatus was opened in due form and the Provincial Grand Summus was saluted.



The Provincial Grand Summus welcomed the honoured guests of the Province and other Distinguished Companions thanking them for coming along to support the Provincial Grand Senatus of The Chilterns.

After the regular business of Provincial Grand Senatus had been concluded, the Provincial Grand Summus re-appointed Dist.Comp. Daryl Hayler as Deputy Provincial Grand Summus; and Dist Comp. Peter Gilkes as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus.



The Provincial Grand Summus addressed Provincial Grand Senatus. In his Address he greeted all those attending with warmth and a hearty welcome and said how pleased he was to see so many members and guests from other Provinces and Orders attending.

He congratulated all those who had received appointment in Provincial Grand Rank and wished them well in their office. He asked everyone to maintain contact with those Companions not yet returning to meetings. He also asked each Companion to establish contact with O.S.M. Conclaves to encourage recruitment into our Order.

He thanked the Provincial Recorder and Director of Ceremonies and their teams for their hard work in preparing and running the meeting – and finally the Organist, Dist.Comp. Dr Robert Scott from East Anglia, for the fanfares and music during the meeting.



Provincial Grand Senatus was closed in due form and the Right Distinguished Provincial Grand Summus retired in procession.



Greeting his Honoured Guests as they retired from the Temple.



The Provincial Grand Summus then returned for a photograph with the Surrey delegation.



After a few drinks in the bar...



the Companions of the Province of The Chilterns and their guests enjoyed a most convivial meal together.

Article and photos by Dist.Comp. Chris Eley, Prov.G.Rec., Surrey



The Mercia Consistory No. 72



An enjoyable and entertaining night of Scarlet Cord ritual took place recently at Macclesfield, involving some senior Freemasons within the North West, in the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Summus, Distinguished Companion Bob Jordan.

Firstly, the Consistory was opening in the Second Grade, and Companions Howards Waddell, Fraser McCord and Tim Knowles were admitted into the Second Grade as Lectores. These are all well known and senior Freemasons within Cheshire.

After a short breather, Brother Stephen Bolton was admitted into the First Grade of the Order as a Companion Ostiarius. Brother Stephen is also known as the Intendant-General of the Red Cross of Constantine, North and East Lancashire.

Then the President for the ensuing year was elected, an honour falling to Eminent Companion David Littlewood, the Immediate Past Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, Cheshire and North Wales.

The following business was to elect Distinguished Companion Tony Stringer, V, Past Grand Herald, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, as an Honorary Member because of the outstanding service he had given to the Consistory as a visiting Director of Ceremonies. The election was met with acclaim. Tony is the current Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor in Cheshire & North Wales.

All events were ably recorded by the Consistory Recorder,

Distinguished Companion Shaun Crutchley, the former District Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of Cheshire and the Marches .

The Companions then retired to partake of a roast chicken dinner, and, to combat the heat, peaches and ice cream.

Having organised two excellent ceremonies to be delivered by his Primus of Ostiari, Distinguished Companion Andrew Greenhalgh, and his Primus of Lectores, Eminent Companion David Littlewood, the President, Distinguished Companion John Green, was able to sit back and fully enjoy the evening.

The only member missing from the gathering was Right Distinguished Companion Chris Welton, the Provincial Grand Summus, who had recently undergone a serious operation preventing his attendance. Everyone wished him a speedy recovery.

With thanks to Dist.Comp. Tony Stringer, P.G.Her.

Happy 100th to the Grand Council of Knight Masons



The Grand Council of Knight Masons celebrated its Centenary at the splendid Masonic Hall in Molesworth Street, Dublin on Saturday, 17 June.

Though not an Order administered from Mark Masons' Hall, (being run out of the Molesworth Street building), Councils 100 and 101 were the first to be Consecrated in England, back in 2010. And we now enjoy excellent relationships between the Executive of the Order in Ireland, and our Orders at M.M.H.

Since 2010, Knight Masons masonry has flourished here and England now boasts 11 Councils, split across the Provinces of England & Wales (North) and England & Wales (South), with at least two more Councils to be Consecrated here this Autumn.

So it was no surprise to see several well-known English Masons make the trip to Dublin in support of the Most Excellent Great Chief, Bernard Woods (pictured above, centre) and the Order's celebrations.

During the meeting, a letter from HRH Prince Michael of Kent, *GCVO*, Grand Master of our Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, was read out, congratulating Grand Council and its members on reaching this significant milestone.

We wish the Grand Council of Knights Masons every success for the next one hundred years.

Pictures courtesy of R.E. Sir Knight Roger Gill, Grand Scribe



















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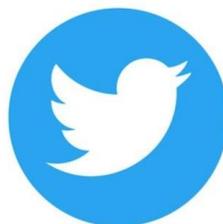
Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders, and how we share the most up-to-date information with members. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent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

We can be found at:

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

Twitter - [@MarkMasonsHall](#)

Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk



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	Rolls Start	Assess. 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 - Individual 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 Sematus	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	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 Candidates	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

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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
- [Click Here](#) to download a Cheque/Chirty Voucher donation form



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 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 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](#)

Swift pins still available

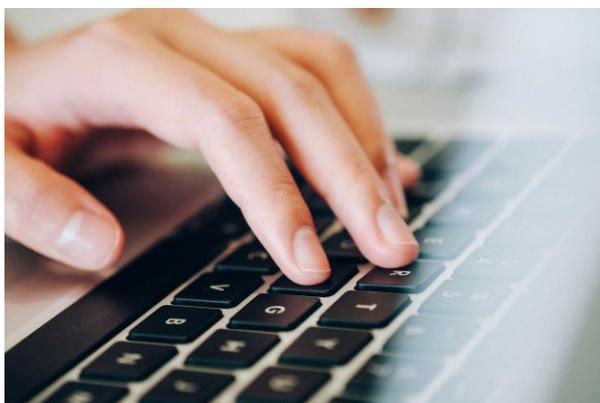


For those who may not have been able to get their hands on one of the K.T. £20 for 2020 Appeal Swift Pins, there are still some available.

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

The Shop@86

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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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[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

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[2031 Northumberland](#)

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.



















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



All departments and teams at Mark Masons' Hall are available via email and telephone to help and support members and visitors.

Most communication for Masonic Administration should go via the Provincial Secretary, or equivalent, and they will know who to contact here at M.M.H. if they are unable to answer the query themselves.

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