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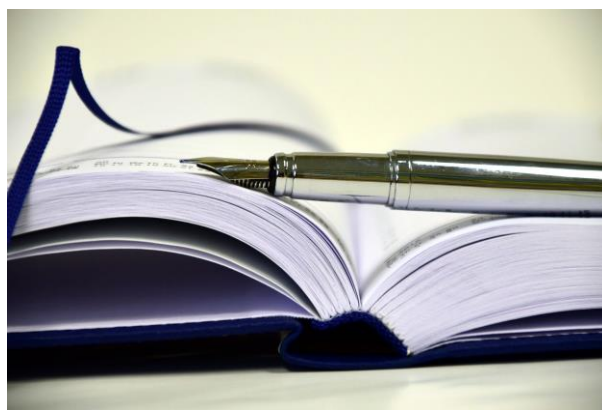
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Companion Orders Diary



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, 26 August - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Martyn William Greene, P.G.Swd.B., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for East Scotland

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

Saturday, 2 September - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Peter Kirpensteijn, P.G.S.D., as District Grand Master for The Netherlands

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

Tuesday, 12 September - Mark Communication of Mark Grand Lodge and Investiture of recipients of promotion in Grand Rank, Freemasons' Hall, London [Click Here](#) for booking details

Thursday, 14 September - K.B.H.C. Annual meeting of Grand Priory, M.M.H., London [Click Here](#) for booking details

Saturday, 16 September - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Victor Harold Pomeroy, P.G.S.D., as Provincial Grand Master for Dorset

Saturday, 16 September - O.S.M. Installation of V.Wy.Bro. John Charles Bicknell, P.G.V., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for West Yorkshire

Tuesday, 3 October - R.S.M. Celebratory meeting of the Sesquicentenary of Grand Council, Freemasons' Hall, London [Click Here](#) for more details

Saturday, 7 October - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Paul Frederick Fell, P.G.Swd.B., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Essex

Monday, 16 October - O.S.M./S.C. Consecrations of Sagittarii Britanniae Conclave No. 634 & Invictus Consistory No. 149 Province of Staffordshire & Shropshire/Midland Counties

Tuesday, 24 October - A.M.D. Annual Meeting of Grand Council, Freemasons' Hall, London

Thursday, 9 November - O.S.M. Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave, Freemasons' Hall, London

Tuesday, 21 November - K.T. Chapter of Great Priory of Malta, Freemasons' Hall, London

Monday, 11 December - R.A.M. Annual Assembly, Freemasons' Hall, London

A once-in-a-generation celebration of Cryptic Freemasonry



The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters will celebrate its Sesquicentenary (150th Anniversary) at a special meeting to be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Tuesday, 3 October 2023 and all Royal and Select Companions are welcome to attend.

The annual business of Grand Council was transacted at a scaled down meeting in April, leaving the way clear for this extraordinary Assembly of Grand Council to be a true celebration of Cryptic Freemasonry.

A dedicated agenda will include:

- The Investiture of the recipients of appointment to, and promotion in, Grand Rank, as well as the recipients of celebratory Grand Ranks
- A delve into the history of the Order and the origins of our Grand Council
- The Dedication of a new, specially commissioned Ark of the Covenant
- A new lecture of interest to Companions
- Other surprise elements and a welcome to visiting Distinguished Companions from Sovereign Grand Councils across the world

Each Companion attending the meeting will receive a commemorative gift pack containing:

- The newly published history of the Order (r.r.p. circa £20)
- The special celebratory lapel pin (r.r.p. circa £6.50)
- A brochure for the meeting
- A branded document folder in which to carry these items

The meeting opens at 12:30 p.m. and will run until 2 p.m.

The meeting will be followed by a Gala Dinner in the Grand Connaught Rooms which will include a free drinks reception and musical entertainment.

To ensure you receive your commemorative gift pack when you attend, please do book in to register, for either the meeting, or the meeting and dinner, by [Clicking Here](#)

The Most Illustrious Grand Master looks forward to welcoming you to this memorable milestone meeting for our Order.



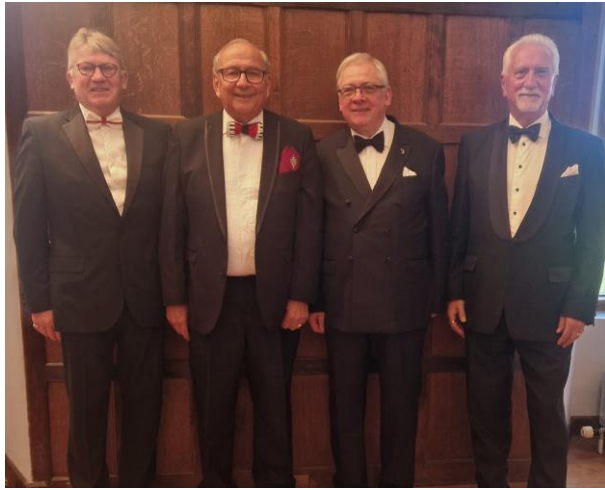
The Knights of Sussex take over the Castle



Could there be a more appropriate venue for the Knights of Sussex to continue the celebrations for their Sesquicentenary than to hold a Gala dinner than in the splendid Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex.

The Province was honoured with the presence of the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Clement, G.C.T., and his wife, Molly. Together with the Great Marshal, Tim Wheeler, and his wife, Mo.

The Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Colin Dann, and his wife, Debbie, were also accompanied by two Past Provincial Priors, R.E.Kt. Graham Flight and R.E.Kt. Toby Pratt, together with their wives, Sue and Amanda, respectively.



The Gala Dinner was held in the banqueting suite and was decorated with the Provincial and twelve Preceptory banners, which made a wonderful display and complemented the surroundings.

After the dinner the Knights of Sussex, their wives and friends danced the (K)night away.

A great time was had by all.

With thanks to R.E.Kt. Colin Dann






Latest news from Jamaica and Cayman Islands



The latest edition of the Newsletter for the Mark District of Jamaica and Cayman Islands has just been sent through to us. It's always good to hear from our Brethren overseas and learn about what they have been doing in their local area.

You can look through the pages below or download a copy by [Clicking Here](#)



Deputy District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Jamaica and Cayman Islands: W. Bro. Owen Francis, J.P.

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MARKING WELL

The official newsletter of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Jamaica and Cayman Islands

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EDITORIAL

“Freemasonry continues to play a vital role in empowering men to become better individuals and active contributors to their communities.

Through brotherhood, personal growth, charitable endeavors, and the pursuit of knowledge, Freemasonry offers a transformative path to wards building a better world.

As Mark Masons let us uphold the principles and values that guide us, and let our actions serve as a testament to the positive impact we can make when we come together in the spirit of brotherhood.

Together, we can create a brighter future for all”.

MEET THE TEAM

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DISTRICT OUTREACH PROGRAMME - DONATION OF PHOTOTHERAPY LAMPS TO FOUR HOSPITALS

Co-Authorred by W. Bros Michael Alexander, P.A.G.D.C. and Henry Anglin, P. Dist. G.S.O.

The donations have been highly appreciated and have so far beneficially impacted the lives of over 270 newborn babies diagnosed with neonatal jaundice.

Neonatal jaundice describes a condition in which an infant's skin and eyes appear yellow within the first few days of life. The

yellowish appearance is a sign of an increased blood pigment called Bilirubin, which settles in the skin. This condition is relatively common in newborns and is easily treated with phototherapy. However, if left untreated, it may lead to serious complications.

Freemasonry continues to play an important role in modern society by promoting the values of brotherhood, love, and personal growth. Through its teachings and ethics, Freemasonry provides a framework for men to improve themselves and their communities.

It also supports numerous charitable causes, such as medical research, education, and disaster relief.

Overall, Freemasonry remains a relevant and valuable institution for those seeking to make a positive impact on the world.



BUSTAMANTE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN - ONE LAMP DONATED JULY 2022

Sister Prehay, the nurse in charge of the nursery, says the lamp has been very well received and has been used interchangeably with lamps already on the ward in treating patients.

DONATION OF LAMPS TO FOUR HOSPITALS



BLACK RIVER HOSPITAL - TWO LAMPS DONATED JANUARY 2022

Dr Sajabi, the paediatrician in charge of the nursery reports that he is very appreciative of the lamps as they have been used to treat about three babies per week (i.e. over 150 babies since then).

He says they have significantly shortened the length of stay of the babies and contributed to reducing the levels of morbidity that the babies would have suffered if they had not received the units.

ANNOTO BAY HOSPITAL - ONE LAMP DONATED APRIL 2022

Ms Marsha Lee, hospital CEO, and Sister Phillips, the nurse in charge of the nursery, both expressed great appreciation for the lamp.

Sister Phillips says the lamp is working perfectly and has been their saviour as the one unit they had before the donation is no longer functional.

She estimated that the lamp has been used to treat about five babies per month (that would be approximately 70 babies since the donation), some often requiring several sessions of treatment.

She wistfully enquired if the call was in relation to making another donation.



PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL - ONE LAMP DONATED JULY 2022



Dr Gentle, the paediatrician in charge of the nursery, confirmed that she is very appreciative of the lamp.

She says it has been working well and has been of great help to them and is currently being used to treat about

five patients per month (that would be approximately 50 babies since the donation), now that their admission numbers are down.

AN HISTORIC YEAR (2019-2020) FOR PHOENIX MARK LODGE

Co Authored by W Bros. Michael Alexander, P.A.G.D.C. and Gary Neill, P.Dist.G.StB

What was an historic year for the Phoenix Mark Lodge #242 and, perhaps, the District of Jamaica & Cayman Islands as well, had its germination at its Installation meeting of the 2019-20 Administration in May 2019. At that meeting, Deputy District Grand Master, V.W. Bro J Paul Morgan (J Paul), representing the District Grand Master, Linton A. Andrews, in his address to the Brethren, pointed out that the District leadership was very strongly considering the formation of a new Lodge.

He said there was concern that there was no presence of the Mark workings in the East of Jamaica and there was a desire to fill that breach. As a member of the Phoenix Mark Lodge, indeed, a pillar of that Lodge, V.W. J Paul knew well the history and connections formed within his Lodge. He stated that as the membership of the Phoenix Mark Lodge was heavily populated by brethren from the Portland Craft Lodge, he was charging it to aggressively buttress its membership during its current administrative year – 2019-20 and, further, suggested the possibility of convening a meeting in Portland, rather than its designated meeting place, the Barbados Ave Temple, Kingston, as it could be considered a means of "introducing" the workings of the Mark to the most easterly Temple, in Portland. He also pointed out that Brethren from the St. Thomas Craft Lodge, the other Eastern Craft Lodge, tended to join the Sussex Mark Lodge based in Kingston and that they, too, might find a Mark Lodge in the East an attractive alternative.

The seeds planted by V.W. Bro. J Paul fell on fertile ground and the Brethren responded to the charge with fervour. The result was an historic staging of the next scheduled meeting away from Kingston and at the Temple in Portland, for which the District Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation. That historic meeting was attended by:

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 Bro. Clive A. McDonald

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W Bro. Michael Alexander, Dist.G.StB.
 W Bro. Errol R.K. Gage, P.Dist.G.StB.
 Four (4) Brethren were scheduled to be Advanced, but one brother wasn't able to attend:

- Bro. John Ellis Craft Lodge: Kingston Lodge 1993
- Bro. Dr. Christopher Vacchianna Craft Lodge: Phoenix 914
- Bro. Downen Lance Fuller Craft Lodge: Portland Lodge 7740
- Bro. Andre Rohan Dwight Durrant Craft Lodge: Portland Lodge 7740

It was a wonderful experience where a great evening of Masonic fraternal activity was enjoyed.

PHOENIX LODGE

AN HISTORIC YEAR (2019 - 2020) FOR PHOENIX MARK LODGE - (Cont'd)

The response of the Phoenix Mark Lodge was further magnified at the next meeting in January 2020, when having returned the meeting to its home in Kingston, the Lodge advanced eight (8) brethren, including the one candidate who missed the September meeting. It also welcomed as a joining member a Scottish Mark Brother.

The new members Advanced were:

- Bro. Jovaghn Neil Craft Lodge: Kingston Lodge 1993
- Bro. Dr. Stephan Alexi Jan Neill Craft Lodge: Kingston College 9469
- Bro. Colin Ian Roberts Craft Lodge: Phoenix 914
- Bro. Capt. Ron Wilson Craft Lodge: Moore Keys 2519
- Bro. Glenville St. Aubyn McCloud Craft Lodge: Kingston 1993
- Bro. Javier Burke Craft Lodge: Kingston 1993
- Bro. Vernon Davidson Craft Lodge: Kingston College 9469
- Bro. Dr. Everton Cummings Craft Lodge: Phoenix 914

As a response to the charge received from V.W. Bro J Paul, the Phoenix increased its membership by 12 members during the administrative year 2019-20, which might well be a record high in the District, certainly the

Advancement of 8 brethren was. These Advancements were seamlessly performed and the experience gained by the Phoenix may well serve to assist any Lodge considering multiple advancements in any single meeting.

The historical nature of these occurrences is a tribute to the efforts of the brethren of the Phoenix Mark Lodge for the administrative year 2019-2020 which may ultimately bring the establishment of a Mark Lodge in the East to fruition.

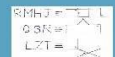
RULES, PROTOCOLS AND OTHER MATTERS TO TAKE NOTE

QUESTION:
 What geometric figure should not make up any part of the "Mark" selected for a candidate to be Advanced?

ANSWER:
 Do not create a triangle of any shape when joining letters from the Masonic Alphabet. This occurs when attempting to join a circle shape, those shapes representing any of the initials from A to R, with angular shapes, those shapes representing any of the initials from S to Z horizontally. Instead, join them by connecting the angular shapes vertically, either North or South.

The triangle is reserved for the approval by the WM of the work done. It is already placed there on page 1 of the Registration form by Grand Lodge, do not duplicate.

EXAMPLE:



INDISSOLUBLE LINKS BETWEEN CRAFT MASONRY AND OUR COMPANION ORDERS

FROM FREEMASONRY@86 EDITION, MARCH 10, 2023:

Compiled by W Bro. Michael Alexander, P.A. G.D.C.

On Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, Brethren of the Mark attended the March Communication of Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, London.

M.W.Bro. Prizeman, Pro Grand Master, spoke of the indissoluble links between Craft Masonry and our Companion Orders and introduced R.W.Bro. Jonathan Spence, P.G.S.W., Pro Grand Master of the Craft, and invited him to address the meeting.

R.W.Bro. Spence began by saying that he believed this was the first-time a Pro Grand Master of the Craft had been invited to speak about the aims and objectives of the Craft at a Mark Grand Lodge meeting.

The theme of his address was the Craft and Royal Arch Strategy for Freemasonry saying "If we get it right in the Craft, we will get it right in the other Orders". And he highlighted the fact that he was initiated into Freemasonry in 1986 and advanced into the Mark the same year. The message was clear, that we need to work consistently and together. This way we can all help to ensure that Freemasonry thrives as a whole.

As part of this modern approach of close working, R.W.Bro. Spence shared with us that there was now a standing invitation to our Pro Grand Master and Grand Secretary to attend the conference for Craft Provincial and District Grand Masters and be part of the conversation and to hear first-hand the messages being promulgated by UGLE. He went on to announce that he was delighted that M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, Immediate Past Pro Grand Master of the Mark, had been offered and accepted the Rank of active Junior Grand Warden in the Craft from the investiture meeting in April this year.



He handed the meeting back to M.W.Bro. Prizeman who thanked R.W.Bro. Spence for his address and his support for the meeting and urged all present to take this message back to their Provinces, Lodges and Brethren. We are embarking on a new era of mutual respect and cooperation and he charged the Provincial and District Grand Masters with maintaining these essential aims.

DGL of MAM of Jamaica and Cayman Islands

MARK COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE



FROM FREEMASONRY@86, FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2023:

As a followup and in support of R.W.Bro. Jonathan Spence, P.G.S.W., Pro Grand Master of the Craft statement, on Friday, March 10, 2023, Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John H. Prizeman visited Mercury Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 777, located at Botley, Hampshire, which was celebrating its 100th anniversary.

In proposing the Toast to the Pro Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master thanked M.W.Bro. John for coming along to support Mercury Lodge and his own Province.

In his reply, the Pro Grand Master said what a delight it was to attend and talked about the success of the recent meeting of Mark Grand Lodge and the MBF Charities presentations. He also spoke of the indissoluble links between Craft Masonry and our Companion Orders and how R.W.Bro. Jonathan Spence, P.G.S.W., Pro Grand Master of the Craft, had been invited to address the meeting.

This was the first time a Pro Grand Master of the Craft had been invited to speak about the aims and objectives of the Craft at a Mark Grand Lodge meeting. The message was clear, that we need to work consistently and together. This way we can all help to ensure that Freemasonry thrives as a whole.

Grand Rank Promotions and Appointments

W Bro Carl A McDonald, JP - P.G.S.D
W Bro Richard W Harris - P.A. G.D.C

DGL of MAM of Jamaica and Cayman Islands

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MARK AND RAM IN JAMAICA

Compiled by W Bro. Wade Morgan, P.Dist. G.S.W.

FORWARD TO: AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF JAMAICAN FREEMASONRY

The recording of history is, like history itself, a continuous process. Information is freely available, or comes to light, or has to be searched out, and in collating the product more sources are revealed, anomalies are uncovered, and further research is indicated. When everything is put together, falsities, more anomalies and chronological errors may come to light, to be further investigated and corrected.

In the following study, the fruit of seven years some-times intensive, sometimes desultory research, I have tried to draw a comprehensive picture in as much important detail as space and material permitted, but have of necessity

omitted certain amount of available minutes such as lists of successive Masters, particulars of lesser Masonic personalities, minor historical facts and the like. Hopefully, however significant material not now available will one day be discovered, by someone in lost or forgotten books or records, and published to shed further light on the exciting early days of Jamaican Freemasonry.

21 December 1976 Frederick William Seal-Coon

MARK MASONRY

The English District

Only English Mark Masonry is separately organized in Jamaica, as the Mark Degree, followed by that of Excellent Master, can be conferred in Scottish Craft Lodges or Royal Arch chapters.

Mark Masonry had been worked in Jamaica at least since the 1850s, and an English District Grand Mark Lodge was founded in 1877 with Dr. Robert Hamilton as the first District Grand Master. He was followed in 1889 by Major John C. MacGlashan; in 1899 by Emanuel Xavier Leon; in 1912 by Edward Joraaan Andrews; in 1916 by the Hon. Sir John Pringle; in 1924 by Sir Henry L.C. Brown (who retained his office for 35

years after he had resigned the District Grand Mastership of the Craft, and for the latter part of which he resided in England and his Deputy carried on); in 1958 by Percy Lyons Abraham (who had been Brown's Deputy); in 1963 by Audley Louis Evans; and on 24 February 1972 by Noel J. Fraser, who had been appointed Deputy during 1971 and took charge of the District at the death of Evans in November of that year.

HISTORY OF MARK RAM

ROYAL ARK MARINERS

The Handbook of Jamaica for 1882 mentions Royal Ark Mariner lodges as working at Kingston and Port Royal since 1880, and these were presumably moved to Royal and Phoenix Mark Lodges respectively. However, nothing more about them appears to be recorded. The only lodge now working in Jamaica is:

*JAMAICA Lodge of R.A.M., warranted 4 May 1962 as No. 368 and constituted on 27 July 1962. It is moored to the Kingston Keystone Mark Lodge No. 368 under the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The petitioners were: Dr. Francis H. Bowen, John McIntosh, Cecil A. Somerville, Rupert I. Knight, Horace J. Hall, Richard G. Ashenheim, Dr. Fred W. Clutterbuck and Rudolph T. Cousins, the first three to be Commander Noah and Wardens respectively.

The Lodge has a membership drawn from all the Mark Lodges in the District, and meets quarterly at Freemasons' Building, McGregor Square, Kingston. The formation of another Royal Ark Mariners lodge in the western part of Jamaica, probably at Montego Bay, has been contemplated and at a meeting of the above Lodge in 1972 several Mark Masons resident in that area were elevated for the purpose.

However, to date no further action has been taken.

Today, the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Jamaica & Cayman Islands counts the following as its constituents:

1. Sussex Mark & RAM No. 42
2. Royal Keystone & RAM No. 240
3. Phoenix Mark No. 222
4. Kingston Keystone Mark & Jamaica Lodge of RAM No. 368
5. Cornwall Keystone Mark & RAM No. 1232
6. Melrose Keystone Mark & RAM No. 1424
7. Friendly Mark & RAM No. 1559
8. Cayman Keystone Mark & RAM No. 1618

It is my wish that this opus be expanded upon as an urgent task.

SOME HISTORY

'RIDING THE GOAT'

Where might the term 'riding the goat' come from? The meaning of the word 'b...z' is given in Cruden's Concordance, published in 1727, gives it as 'in strength or in the goat'. Hebrew scholars have said that the latter meaning is a misreading of the component parts of the word, but the misreading may explain the buffoonery that is heard in some places.

Bro Sir Lionel Brett, 'The Vocabulary of the Ceremonies', AQC, Volume 301, 1988.

MARK MASONIC PROFILE

W. BRO. ENEL BRYDSON, PDGJD, JP

Compiled by W Bro. Orett Clarke, P.Dist. G.Std. B.



PROFESSIONAL LIFE:

Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF). He joined the JCF at age 20 in the year 1953 where he worked for 40 years. He retired in 1993 at age 60, having attained the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police.

Tourism Product Development Company (TPO Co) an agent of the Ministry of Tourism. Having served in the JCF for 40 years and garnered requisite experience he was recruited as a Resort Patrol Coordinator for TPO Co. in 1999. His role was to develop an operational plan to reduce tourist harassment in Western Jamaica. Areas of focus were Negril, Montego Bay, Ocho Rios and Port Antonio. He then retired in 2004.

VOLUNTEER LIFE:

Member of the St. James Parish Church since 2000. Where he served as

- People's Warden for 5 years

- Rectors Warden for 5 years
- Currently a member of the Church Committee

Association of Past Members of the JCF since 1994

- Currently a Past President where he served from 1995 to 2015

Member of the Lay Magistrate's Association since 1996

- Served as Justice of the Peace
- Currently a Past President where he served from 2008 to 2009
- Acted as Custos from 2008 to 2009
- Achieved the Lay Magistrate's Golden Scale Award for exemplary service
- Past President of the JCF club, where he is currently an Honorary member. He served in the capacity as Director and President.

Freemason since 1990. Member of the following Lodges and Chapters

- Honorary Past Master of the Harmony Lodge. Current rank PDGJD
- Honorary Past Master of the Cornwall Keystone Lodge of Mark Master Masons No 1232
- Honorary Past Master of the Cornwall Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No 1232
- Honorary Past Zerubbael of the West Jamaica Holy Royal Arch Chapter No 383
- Honorary Past Sovereign of the West Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix No 740

"Freemasonry has encouraged me to strive for personal improvement and to live a virtuous life".

MASONIC PROFILE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ENEL BRYDSON, PDGJD, JP

A brief conversation with W. Bro. Enel Brydson

What are some of your Hobbies and Interests?

I really enjoy my gardening now. I look forward to watering my plants every day. When I'm not doing that I would be busy watching Cricket and Athletics. I was also a top athlete in the JCF where my areas of speciality were the 100m and 200m events

What inspired you to join the JCF?

Great need for a secure job so I can provide for myself and family. I was also someone who believes in the spirit of service. So when the opportunity made itself available I never hesitated to make use of it.

What are your thoughts on Freemasonry?

Freemasonry has long and complex history, and its traditions and practices vary depending on the region and jurisdiction. While it has been the subject of controversy and criticism over the years, it is still an organization that values the promotion of personal growth, social responsibility, and mutual support.

What are some of the most important lessons that you have learnt in your life and would be your advice?

Respect, Respect, Respect! Learn to respect people's life, property and perspective. Be knowledgeable about your self-role and function in society.

Embrace failure: Failure is not a reflection of your worth or abilities. Rather, it is an opportunity to learn and grow. Use failure as a stepping stone to success by analyzing what went wrong and how you can improve. Cultivate positive relationships: Positive relationships with family, friends, and colleagues can bring joy, support, and fulfillment to your life. Invest time and effort in building and maintaining these relationships.

Take care of your physical and mental health:

Your health is your most valuable asset. Take care of your body by eating well, exercising regularly, and getting enough sleep. Take care of your mental health by managing stress, seeking help when needed, and engaging in activities that promote relaxation and well-being.

Practice gratitude: Appreciate the good things in your life and express gratitude for them. Focus on the positive and find joy in the small things.

Embrace change: Change is inevitable and can bring new opportunities and growth. Embrace change and learn to adapt to new situations and circumstances.

Pursue your passions: Pursue the things that make you happy and bring meaning to your life. Whether it's a hobby, a career, or a cause, follow your passions with dedication and enthusiasm.

Be kind and compassionate: Treat others with kindness, empathy, and compassion. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

Be true to yourself: Embrace your uniqueness and be true to yourself. Don't be afraid to be different and follow your own path.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF WORSHIPFUL BROTHER ENEL BRYDSON, PDGD, JP

Keep learning: Learning is a lifelong process. Keep an open mind and continue to seek knowledge and new experiences.

Live in the present: Don't dwell on the past or worry about the future. Live in the present moment and savour

What advice would you give to the younger generation?

Embrace learning: Education is the key to success, so make the most of your learning opportunities. Whether it's formal education or learning from life experiences, always be curious and seek knowledge.

Keep an open mind and be willing to learn new things.

Develop a growth mind set: Believe in your ability to grow and improve. Instead of being afraid of failure, see it as an opportunity to learn and grow.

Embrace challenges and persevere through obstacles.

Build strong relationships: Cultivate positive relationships with family, friends, and colleagues.

Nurture these relationships with trust, respect, and empathy. Good relationships can be a source of support, comfort, and happiness.

Pursue your passions: Find something that you're passionate about and pursue it with dedication and enthusiasm. Whether it's a hobby, a career, or a cause, following your passions can bring fulfillment and meaning to

your life.

Be adaptable and flexible: In a rapidly changing world, being adaptable and flexible is important. Be open to new ideas and ways of doing things. Learn to adapt to changing circumstances and be willing to pivot when necessary.

Be a responsible global citizen: Think about your impact on the world around you. Consider the environment, social issues, and global challenges. Act responsibly and make choices that promote sustainability and social justice.

Remember, the future belongs to the younger generation, and they have the power to shape it. By embracing these pieces of advice, you can build a bright and fulfilling future for yourself and for the world around you.

What are some of your proudest accomplishments as a Freemason?

The Moral and ethical growth. Freemasonry has encouraged me to strive for personal improvement and to live a virtuous life. It's moral teachings and ethical principles taught me to develop a strong moral compass.



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PLACE OF BIRTH: Ansty Hall, Lottery St. James

EDUCATION:
- Lottery Baptist Elem entary attended up to age 26, where he achieved the 3rd Jamaica Local certification.
- Miri Mings Secondary Church Hall at Burchell Baptist, Montego Bay. He attended from ages 17-19.

Charities round up



The Annual Tour de Bristol donation from Bristol Mark



This month we have donated £1500 to St. Peter's Hospice; this consisted of the envelope donations from our Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in May, sponsorship money from Brethren, and the fees for our members to take part in the Tour de Bristol.

That the Sponsored ride was cancelled at the last minute because of a yellow storm warning issued by the Met Office was met with disappointment. However, the distance was cycled by some of us, so we felt the sponsorship was justified.

R.W.Bro. Stephen Rawlings was delighted to present the cheque to Nurse Serena Edwards, pictured above.

Nurse Serena Edwards is the daughter of W. Bro. Ian Edwards P.Prov.J.G.W. & Past Master of Baily Lodge No. 5239. He was cared for at the Hospice and sadly passed to the Grand Lodge Above in 2017. Also in the picture is Hayley Ali, the Events Fund-Raising Manager; Nurse Adele White, Ben Lee the Philanthropy Manager, and me - W.Bro. Brian Hamley, P.G.St.B., Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

Soup's up!



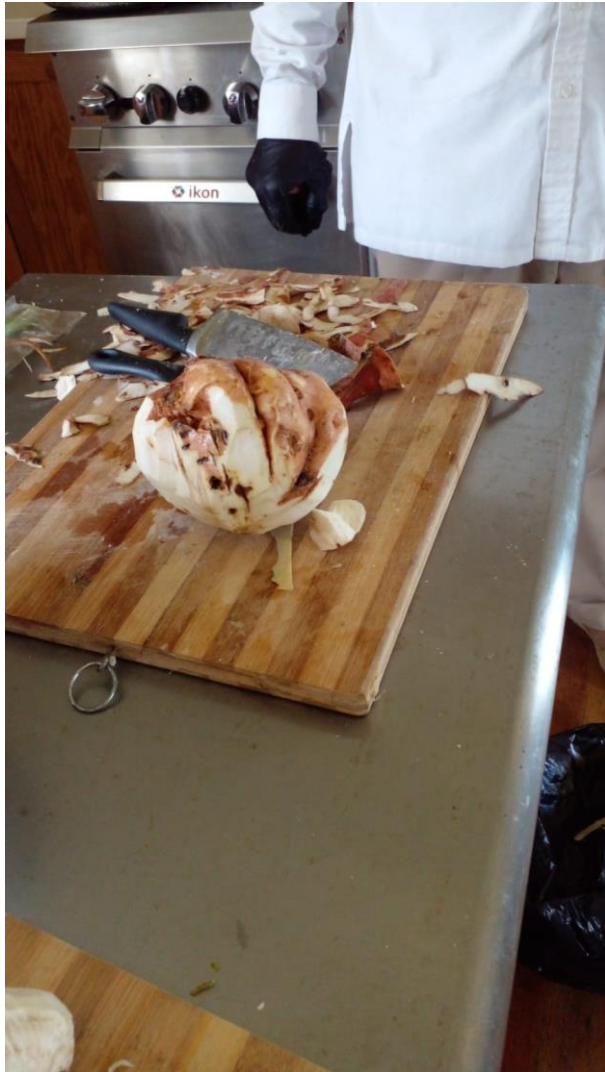
R.W.Bro. Richard Mayers, A.M.D. District Grand Prefect for South and East Caribbean, has been cooking things up in the 'Slow Food Kitchen' as a volunteer, helping prepare foodstuff for a dolphin fish soup for 105 needy people. He helped produce twenty-five veg and eighty-five fish soups.

This month marks two years working with the Soup Project. On Monday morning Richard went to Brereton New Testament Church of God to donate some sweet potatoes, four cases of juices and a cheque to help run a Summer Camp for forty kids for two weeks.

Four cases of Bajan Pure Water was donated by Richard's friend Neil Corbin. Brereton, Barbados, is Richard's hometown for the last twenty three years. He located to Edgcombe Plantation twenty-three years ago as the Manager.

This is his way of giving back to the community. Richard assists Senior Pastor, Kevin Lorde, and the VBS Coordinator, Gale Weekes, who will be running the Summer Camp, pictured below.













Join us on Social Media

Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders, 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	Dispersal Starts	Meeting Ends
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	FMI, 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 Society	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	FMI, 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 Activities	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	FMI, 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	FMI, 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 Activities	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	FMI, 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	FMI, 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	FMI, 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	FMI, 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	FMI, 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	FMI, 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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MBF Festival Cheshire 2024






156th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Concorde Conference Centre
Wilmslow Old Rd, Altrincham
WA15 8XQ
Saturday, 6 July 2024

[BOOK HERE](#)



Stewardship Jewels

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

[2024 Cheshire](#)

[2025 Oxfordshire](#)

[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

[2029 Durham](#)

[2030 Essex](#)

[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.

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 **Türkiye**

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

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

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 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>



@ShelterBox



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](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

[Click Here](#) to visit the Shop@86 website - but please note the Shop is closed until the end of August for the annual stock take and no orders will be taken during this period.



Admin Departments @86



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

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