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Welcome

Here you will find your news and information update for the 'Companion Orders of Freemasonry' administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street.

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Companion Orders Diary

Below are some upcoming dates of events for our Grand teams in their respective Orders. You can find the calendar of the regular annual meetings of our Orders further down this newsletter.

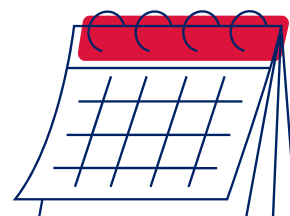
Monday, 11 December - R.A.M. Annual Assembly, Freemasons' Hall, London [Click Here](#) for more details

Wednesday, 13 December - R.S.M. Consecration of Lancashire Council of Anointed Kings No. 344, District of Lancashire

Wednesday, 17 January 2024 - O.S.M. Consecration of The Dennis Slights Conclave No. 635, Province of North & East Yorkshire.

Wednesday, 31 January 2024 - R.C.C. Consecration of The Mamucium Conclave No. 534, Division of North & East Lancashire.

Updated calendar



Banner Dedication for Gilkirke Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 812



Tuesday, 21 November 2023

Once the Lodge was opened The Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, R.W.Bro. J. Trevor Bolton and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master W.Bro. Andrew J. Brown entered with a delegation of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. There was a total of 23 visitors. Trevor then appointed his own officers and salutations were given.

First an escort was formed and the banner which was covered was paraded in. The W.M. then asked the Prov.G.M. if he would receive it and, it was then uncovered but, facing away from the Lodge and couldn't be seen. The Prov.G.Chap. W.Bro. Roger Quick then gave a prayer and delivered a fantastic oration about the beautiful banner which was very kindly made by Mrs Eleanor Berry the wife of W.Bro. Keith Berry who was W.M. in 2008 and is their current Junior Deacon. The banner was then paraded around the Lodge for all to see. Trevor then presented the banner to Patrick both exchanging suitable words. The Lodge was then given back to Patrick and business as normal continued.

A fantastic Festive board with Soup, Gammon, Apple Crumble and Cheese & Biscuits. Trevor talked about the carol service to be held at Brighouse Methodist Church, Brighouse at 2 p.m. on Sunday 10th December. A great start to Christmas. Please come along and join us and bring along family, friends and neighbours.

150 Years of Mark Masonry in Yeovil



William de Irwin Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 162, recently celebrated their Sesquicentennial Anniversary, in the presence of nearly 100 Brethren.

William de Irwin Lodge of Mark Master Masons was consecrated on the 12th June 1873, at the Three Cough Hotel, Hendford. The Lodge was sponsored by Brotherly Love Lodge No. 329, two years after the formation of the Provincial Grand Loge of Somerset, in 1871.





A new Mark Lodge is being Consecrated


A new Mark Lodge is being Consecrated on Saturday, 24 February 2024 in Romania. Link for booking is [here](#) and you can view the details [here](#). Alternatively, You can also click on the image below to book.

VASILE STROESCU LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS


CONSECRATION
on Saturday 24th of February 2024
in ROMANIA




Primus Worshipful Master
Bro. Cornel Dorin Nemes



Primus Senior Warden
Bro. Dragos Tomoiaga



Immediate Past Master
W. Bro. Catalin Turluc



Primus Junior Warden
Bro. Sorin Badau

The
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
of
MARK MASTER MASONS
of
ESSEX

invites you to a

Gala Dinner

18 MAY 2024

Tables of 8
(10 on request)



Overnight
Accommodation
(details on request)



"The Peter O'Donnell Band"



8 piece swing Band
resident at the Ritz Hotel

Table
Magicians



in order to celebrate

THE 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARK PROVINCE OF ESSEX

Venue
Orset Hall

Drinks Reception ~ 5.30pm
followed by a
4 Course Dinner and Evening Entertainment

Contact *W.Bro. Richard Goodwin* to book
rjgoodwin2030@outlook.com

Tickets priced at
£98pp



launch of 3 online raffles by Province of Cheshire

The Province of Cheshire are pleased to launch three online raffles, the first for a Gallon of Bells Whisky, which will be drawn at our Burns Night on 26 January 2024, and a further two, to be drawn at our A.G.M. in March, one for a bottle of Single Malt signed by the Grand Master, and a third one probably of more interest to the ladies, a ticket to see the Legendary Take That in concert in Birmingham, in May 2024.

Tickets for each individual raffle are available online as detailed on the posters with all proceeds going to the Cheshire 2024 MBF Festival.

Cheshire Provincial Mark Benevolent Fund registered charity no. 512541

WIN



A Raffle in Support of the 2024 Cheshire M.B.F. Festival For a bottle of Stronachie Single Malt Signed by HRH The Grand Master, Prince Michael of Kent and the Second prize is a bottle of single malt Signed by the Leaders of Mark Masons Hall.

Tickets for these unique prizes, which are kindly donated by our A.P.G.M. W.Bro. John Miller, and W.Bro. Steve Flood are for sale to over 18's only and cost £10.00 per entry.

To apply for a ticket online please click [here](#).

Tickets will also be available on the day of the draw, which will be at our A.G.M. on 16 March, and all proceeds will go to the 2024 festival.



**A Raffle for the Ladies A
TICKET TO SEE TAKE THAT
IN CONCERT**

**To purchase a raffle ticket,
click [here](#) or scan the QR
code.**

We are pleased to be able to provide a ticket to see the Legendary Take That in concert, with special guest Olly Murs, at the Birmingham NIA centre, on Tuesday, 14 May 2024. The raffle is for our ladies only, and the winner will be sat with one of our senior leaders' ladies, who has kindly donated this fantastic prize of a much sought after ticket, in aid of the Cheshire 2024 Mark Festival. The Draw will take place at our A.G.M. on the 16 March 2024, by our Provincial Grand Master, and costs just £10 per ticket.

We have also reserved a suitable double room at a local hotel, including breakfast, at an addition cost, should you wish to accompany your lady, this however is optional.



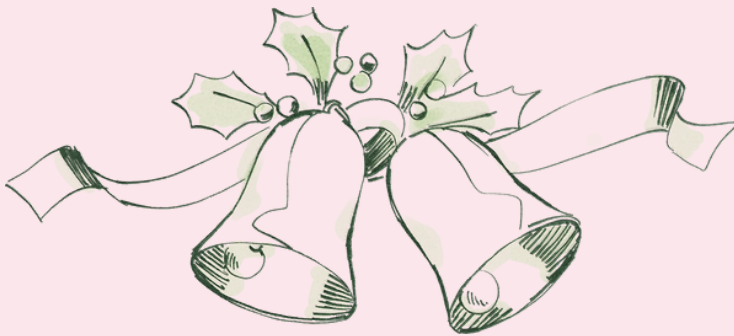
We are pleased to offer for raffle, a 4.5 litre bottle of Bells whisky, with decanter, kindly donated by W.Bro. Geoff Roberts in aid of the Cheshire 2024 MBF Festival.

Tickets which are for sale online to over 18-year-olds only, are available by click [here](#) or by scanning the QR code, and cost £10 per entry.

The draw will be taken live at the Provincial Burns Night on Friday 26 January 2024.

The Provincial Carol Service was held on Saturday, 02 December at St. Botolphs without Bishopsgate

The congregation took part in a traditional service of nine lessons and carols, the Provincial Organist, E.Kt. Christopher Bamford Damp, tinkled the ivories and provided a delightful mix of seasonal music before the service started. It is always a pleasure to be at St Botolph's and the Rector and his entire team were as welcoming as ever. As always, the Provincial Prior's Bodyguard were central to the occasion and provided ushers, vergers and the offertory team. Although their dignity and bearing is always exemplary, this year they increased their profile by carrying Great Priory church wands and the Province is grateful to the Great Marshall for his permission to use these.



The alms collected £400.00 and will be sent to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group's emergency appeal. The London Support Team have asked us to remind you, it is still possible to contribute to the Provincial donation by contacting the Province or donate directly [here](#).



Christmas Sparkle at Owain Glyndwr Preceptory



The December 2023 meeting of the Owain Glyndwr Preceptory of Past Preceptors at the Castle Hotel, Llandovery, was enriched by a Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols, followed by a Yuletide Luncheon. E.Kt. Timothy Clark, the Eminent Preceptor, extended a warm welcome to the Knights. Among various domestic matters discussed, the members elected E.Kt. Vivian Jones as the Eminent Preceptor for 2024-25. He will be formally Installed during the upcoming regular meeting at Neath Masonic Hall on Saturday, 01 June 2024. The Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols, overseen by the Great Prelate R.E.Kt. Revd. Fr Malcolm C.G. Lane, K.C.T. JP, included Brother Knights, their partners, families, and friends. The first Lesson was delivered by the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement. Additionally, a warm welcome was extended to the Great Marshal, Right Eminent Knight Tim Wheeler. The Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Richard Phillips, expressed gratitude on behalf of the province for everyone involved in organising the event. He specifically acknowledged E.Kt. Keri Evans (Organiser) and E.Kt. Alun Littlejohns (Manager) along with their exceptional team for the splendid Luncheon. Many generous donations to the raffle, helped to raise the magnificent sum of £325.00. When added to the Alms collection of £166.00 along with a modest top-up from the Preceptory, we are able once again to make a significant contribution of £500.00 to the Jerusalem Eye Hospital.



Provincial Priory of Malta meeting 27 November 2023 - Province of Oxfordshire, Berkshire & Buckinghamshire

The Province had over 80 knights in attendance at the Berkshire Temple in Sindlesham. 15 candidates joined the Malta Order at the meeting with E.Kt. Dean White presiding over the Ceremony as the Provincial Sub-Prior. The Provincial team were supported by a full turnout of the Bodyguard on the day. Waiting in the wings, the Province has another 30-plus Knights waiting for their Malta degree, some of these will be completed at the Leslie Felgate Dring Preceptory No. 637 in March. (LFD is the installed Preceptors' Preceptory)

E.Kt. Graham Snell, author of the 150-years history of the Province with the Sub-Prior E.Kt. Dean White. The initial 150 hard back copies have now been sold, with a reprint due from Lewis Masonic. Proceeds of the book will go to the Jerusalem Eye-Hospital.



Another great Malta Ceremony with the new Knights showing how keen they are to be part of the Knights Templar order.







Over 100 mini-lectures, covering most of the items of interest mentioned in our rituals - R.C.C.



On Saturday, 28 March 2020, R.III.Kt. Marc Burton, the then Intendant-General for Transvaal, Orange Free State and Northern Cape (now South Africa), despatched a first mini-lecture to all the members of the Red Cross of Constantine in South Africa.

The main aim was to ensure a regular contact to keep alive the interest in the Order despite the confinement imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Little did he know, or at least expect, that this project would keep him busy, and his Knights entertained, until November 2021, generating over one hundred mini-lectures, covering most, if not all, the items of interest mentioned in our rituals, or closely related to them.

We are greatly indebted to R.III.Kt. Marc whose dedication and endeavour brought these papers into being and led to the creation of 'The Red Cross Herald' as a Newsletter coming out from Grand Imperial Conclave HQ in England, helping them to engage with Worthy Knights across the Constitution during the course of the pandemic.

Now, two years later, these papers have been collated into a website where they can be read and downloaded for use in Conclave meetings as a further way of encouraging and sharing a wider understanding of our rituals and many of the characters, artefacts, and places relevant to them.

Please do share this website with other members of the Order and encourage use of the papers in your Conclaves.

You can find the website here: <https://www.redcrossofconstantine.uk/>

50 Year Service Presentation - V.III.Kt. Bryan Robinson

23 November 2023 marked yet another special occasion in the history of the R.C.C.'s Lincolnshire Division and Spalding Conclave No. 346 in particular, when V.III.Kt. Bryan Walter Robinson, MBE, P.G.H.Chan., was presented with his Red Cross of Constantine 50-year Service Certificate and Jewel (at the age of 98 years). This was done in the comfort of his home in Donington near Spalding by R.III.Kt. Steve Roberts - Intendant-General, on behalf of the Grand Sovereign and in the presence of R.III.Kt. John Clements - Past Intendant-General. Also present were Knights from Spalding Conclave: V.III.Kt. Barry Humphrey, BEM, P.G.H.Alm. – Past Deputy Intendant-General, Ill.Kt. Richard Rodgers – P.G.St.B.(C) and W.Kt. Rhett Brown – Conclave Senior General.

Making the presentation to V.III.Kt. Bryan, the Intendant-General pointed out what a remarkable and special occasion it was, being (he believed) only the eleventh 50-year Service presentation to be held in the UK following that of V.III.Kt. Gordon Walkerley Smith, P.G.S.Gen. at Thornton Abbey Conclave No. 223, on 12 October 2023 by the Grand Sovereign himself.

He went on to outline Bryan's service to the Order explaining that he had originally joined Ancaster Conclave No. 282 on 16 October 1973 and becoming a Founder of both Spalding Conclave No. 346 on 13 February 1980 and Viceroy Conclave No. 445 on 25 January 1997. Bryan said he was proud to be recognised in this manner and would treasure both these memories, wearing his 50-year Service Jewel.



Devon & Cornwall Divisional Meeting



On the chilliest morning of the year, 52 knights journeyed from places as distant as Durham and the Isle of Wight to Torquay, enduring temperatures as low as minus 6° to participate in the Devon and Cornwall Divisional Meeting. They were greeted with warming tea, coffee, and festive treats generously provided by the Wife and Granddaughter of our former Intendant-General. Amongst both visiting and local knights, conversations quickly revolved around catching up with news from familiar faces and new acquaintances across the country. Our Intendant-General, R.III.Kt. Nicholas St.John Middleton White, initiated the Divisional Conclave and extended a cordial welcome to our guests. The meeting proceeded with utmost competence, laced with appropriate good humour. With the conclusion of the Conclave and the collection of £140.81 in charitable donations, the Knights proceeded to the nearby Anchorage Hotel for a delightful lunch. During this gathering, the Intendant-General honoured V.III.Kt. Alan Cockman, the retiring Recorder, with a remarkable gift in recognition of his nine years of dedicated service.





The 2023 Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Surrey in the Allied Masonic Degrees



The meeting took place on Saturday, 02 December at Croydon Masonic Hall. District Grand Council were honoured with the presence of the Past Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Clive Manuel, seen here with the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. John V C French, and other Right Worshipful Brethren. The R.W. Brethren, the Past Deputy Grand Master, and the District Grand Prefect entered in procession into District Grand Council to music from our District Grand Organist, Bro. Bob Soper. The District Grand Prefect opened District Grand Council and welcomed all the guests and visitors, especially the Past Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Clive Manuel. After the regular business of the Council had been concluded, the District Grand Prefect announced that he had much pleasure in re-appointing W.Bro. Bob Tuthill as his Deputy District Grand Prefect. The District Grand Prefect appointed and invested the District Grand Officers of the year, and those promoted in Past District Grand Rank. On appointing Bro. Trevor Sadler as the new District Grand Secretary our District Grand Prefect expressed his appreciation to W.Bro. Alan Brockwell for all he has done for the District over the past seven years as District Grand Secretary. The District Grand Prefect congratulated all the Officers whom he had been pleased to appoint or promote in District Grand Rank, hoping they will all enjoy their year in Office, and if possible be able to support the Official Visits this coming year. The Brethren and their guests sat down to a splendid lunch at the Croydon Masonic Halls. The Toast to the District Grand Prefect was given by W.Bro. Bob Tuthill, the Deputy District Grand Prefect.





North Midlands Annual Meeting



During the Annual Meeting of the District of North Midlands on Saturday, 02 December, under the leadership of R.III.Comp. Steve Bradford, a total of 18 District Grand Masters, the Deputy District Grand Master from Lancashire, and the District Grand Master Designate for Lancashire, Ill.Comp. Geoffrey Catterall, were welcomed. Additionally, R.III. John Collison, the Past District Grand Master, joined alongside 14 Heads of Orders from Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire, receiving gratitude for their continuous support of the District Grand Council of North Midlands. After the regular business of the District had been concluded the District Grand Lecturer, Ill.Comp. Peter Needham, gave a brief discourse on **"Adoniram, Tax Collector, Master Builder or Gangmaster"**, which was well received. The District Grand Master proceeded to re-appoint Ill.Comp. Ray Stokes, P.G.Cond.C., as Deputy District Grand Master, and Ill.Comp. Jon Lish, P.G.Cond.C., as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. A fresh team of District Officers was appointed, with nearly all members officially invested. Expressing congratulations to those newly appointed and invested, the District Grand Master offered heartfelt appreciation to the outgoing officers for their year-long support. Concluding the meeting with a brief Address, the District Grand Master officially closed the District Grand Council, allowing the Companions to adjourn for well-deserved refreshments.



Consecration of Verulamium Lodge of S.M.S.A. No. 22



On Monday, 04 December, a Consecration Team from the Grand Priory of the K.B.H.C., led by the Grand Master Dr. Vivian Thomas, *JP*, G.C.H.C. and the Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master, Paul Clement, G.C.H.C., assembled at Ashwell House, St. Albans, in the Prefecture of Anglo-Saxon, to consecrate a new Lodge of Scottish Masters of St Andrew, Verulamium Lodge No. 22. During the Ceremony of Consecration, a very interesting Oration, written by the Grand Prelate, Revd Steven Hawkins, was delivered on his behalf by the Deputy Grand Prelate Peter Hawken, *MBE*, and was very warmly received by all present. 25 of the Founders then lined up in the West, under the direction of the Grand Mareschal for the Dedication and Consecration of the Lodge by the Grand Master, who was also very ably assisted by the Grand Chancellor. At the conclusion of the Ceremony of Consecration, the Grand Master invited the Regional Grand Prefect David Jordan to occupy the Chair. The Regional Grand Prefect then proceeded to install John Wickes as the Primus Worshipful Deputy Master of the Lodge, after which the Wardens and the remainder of the Officers were then appointed and invested. The meeting was very well supported by visiting Regional Grand Prefects, and Distinguished Brethren from other Prefectures, and S.M.S.A. Lodges from across England & Wales and Belgium. At the Festive Board that followed the meeting, the Grand Master paid warm tribute to the Founding Secretary, Ian Brooks, for all his hard work and effort in arranging the consecration, which had clearly paid dividends.



Hertfordshire Mark Masons celebrate their Centenarian member with suitable honours

On Wednesday, 29 November, the members of the King Harold Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 1109 were able to celebrate the centenary of their oldest Honorary Member, W.Bro. John Hay, at a very special meeting. John, who celebrated his 100th birthday on the 21 November 2023 was initiated in the Harringay Lodge by his father, together with his brother, in July 1951, and so has been a Freemason for 72 years.

John was advanced in the King Harold Lodge of M.M.M. and elevated in the R.A.M. in 1981; during his long Masonic career he has been a member of 14 different orders, but is best known in Hertfordshire as the Provincial Prior of the United Orders of the Temple and of Malta (Knights Templar) from 1991 to 1998.



A number of guests joined the members of the Lodge to help John celebrate,



Amongst whom were some familiar and distinguished faces, including the Prov.G.M, R.W.Bro. James Harrison, the Past Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson, the Past Prov.G.M. for the Craft in Hertfordshire (and Grand Sword Bearer in the Mark!) W.Bro. Paul Gower, the M.E. Grand Superintendent for the Royal Arch in Hertfordshire, V.W. Bro. James Sharpley and the current Provincial Prior for Hertfordshire, W.Bro. Alistair White.



After an interesting and entertaining review of John's life and career by W. Bro. Pins Poullais of King Harold Lodge, R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson took the opportunity to present him with a special certificate from the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite (Rose Croix), recognising his age and achievements.



Following that, the Provincial Grand Master provided some more detail of John's very distinguished Masonic career, and presented him with the Prov.G.M's Silver Token of Merit as a mark of special appreciation. However, said the Prov.G.M, this was not all, as he proceeded to read aloud a letter to John from the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, informing him that the Grand Master was giving John a field promotion, with immediate effect, to the rank of Past Grand Master Overseer.

Very Worshipful Brother John was then presented and invested with his new regalia, a gift from the Province, by the Provincial Grand Master and congratulated by all present, including the Worshipful Master of the King Harold Lodge, W.Bro. Richard Harvey.



Lodge members and their guests then repaired to the Festive Board for a very enjoyable and companionable meal at which (of course!) John's health was drunk, and 'Happy Birthday' loudly sung.



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Tips and Tricks to create engaging social media posts

Thank you to everyone actively engaged on social media, especially those sharing Mark Masons' Hall's posts. Our newsletter now features a new section offering tips and techniques for crafting exceptional social media content. Each week, We'll provide updates on the latest changes in social media and share some valuable insights for creating impressive posts.

Strategy

- Less is more. We must aim towards posting not more than 2-3 posts a day.
- Video content is the King. Please make sure the camera is straight and the quality of the video is good.
- Shorter and punchy caption is the best.
- Share some stories about what our members enjoy doing apart from being Freemasons. Maybe pictures of sky diving, hiking, swimming, playing guitar, etc.



Latest & easy softwares which can help

- Canva - for editing and creating some post.
- CapCut - for editing videos and adding music to it.



Actions

- Consistently share your Instagram and Facebook posts in stories.
- Respond to every comment you receive.
- Regularly monitor your page and promptly remove any negative comments.



Thank you to all who consistently share news stories featured in this newsletter on a weekly basis. I kindly ask that you try and follow the above suggested format when sharing news. This will greatly contribute to elevating the quality of our newsletter, making it more captivating for our readers.

Charities round up



**St John of Jerusalem
Eye Hospital Group**



**The M.B.F. 2023 Q3
Review is now available
to download and print.**

[Click Here](#)



Mark Charity Drive of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Africa Western Division

At the annual Spitbraai on 07 November 2023, attended by the Mark and Craft Masons, they cut the tickets sales off at 104 people, the beneficiaries were the District Grand Craft Benevolent Fund of the District Grand Lodge Of South Africa Western Division where an amount of R25 000.00 was Raised and donated to the benevolent fund, which is in need of funds to assist our Widows and Brethren in need. There was many raffle prizes donated by the brethren and this was heartily supported by all.

An exceptional donation, a Springbok Rugby Jersey used during the 2007 World Cup, signed by winning team members and accompanied by various Springbok rugby items, was generously provided by the Deputy District Grand Master. This item was auctioned and eventually purchased for R15,000.00 by a Non-Mason.



Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund supporting autistic children in the Division of North Wales

R.Ill.Kt. George Wainwright, Intendant-General for North Wales, Ill.Kt. Brynmor Williams, P.G.Chamb. and Ill.Kt. David Hughes, P.G.Vice-Chamb., Divisional Recorder made a presentation of £2,500 from the Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund to 'Your Space (Marches)'. The charity provides support to young people with autism and their families. They are based in Llay, Wrexham, but have a wide catchment area. The cheque was presented by Ill.Kt. Brynmor Williams, P.G.Chamb., who nominated the charity, and was received by their head of finance Debbie Moody and some of the youngsters, who then presented R.Ill.Kt. George Wainwright with a certificate of thanks.



**Grand Sovereign's
Care for
Children Fund**



DIVISION OF NORTH WALES

YOUR SPACE WALES

**Providing weekend
sporting sessions**

£2,500

**for
young
people
with autism**

Your Space
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Ryan A. Williams
Ryan A. Williams, OSU
Grand Recorder

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Find out more about the charity here:
www.yourspacewales.co.uk



Meet the Trustees



★ Meet the Trustees ★
5/12

David Richard Powell.
Registered Nurse.
Freemason for 28yrs. Mark
Provincial Grand Master
for Monmouthshire, since
2018. Enjoys Guitar, fly
fishing, books, his orange
tractor. Owns 70 guitars.



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.



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.

The Shop@86 - [Click Here](#) to visit the Shop@86 website



MBF Festival Cheshire 2024

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.



The image displays the Stewardship Jewels for the 2024 Cheshire festival. It includes a circular emblem at the top left, a shield-shaped breast jewel with a red field and a white cross, and a year bar labeled 'CHESHIRE 2024'. Below these is a larger shield-shaped pocket jewel holder with a blue field and a white cross, labeled 'CHESHIRE' at the bottom. To the right, text announces the 156th MBF Festival Banquet, held at the Concorde Conference Centre, Wilmslow Old Rd, Altrincham, WA15 8XQ, on Saturday, 6 July 2024. A red 'BOOK HERE' button and a QR code are also present.

156th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Concorde Conference Centre
Wilmslow Old Rd, Altrincham
WA15 8XQ
Saturday, 6 July 2024
[BOOK HERE](#)





Mark Emergency Relief Fund

The Mark Emergency Relief Fund allows you to make donations in a variety of ways to the Ukraine Fund and the Türkiye / Syria earthquake and the recent Morocco earthquake (via our partners ShelterBox). 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](#)

Mark Emergency Relief Fund
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Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2023 - All Orders

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

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

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