



## Freemasonry@86 News - 4 December 2020



Welcome to your news and information update for the progressive/companion Orders of Freemasonry administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's.

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## A message from the Grand Secretary detailing how the revised tier system affect Masonic Meetings



Following this week's parliamentary approval of the new Coronavirus Tier Restrictions, I am now able to provide you with further direction as to the impact these measures will have on masonic activities.

With immediate effect, the general suspension of masonic meetings, introduced at the beginning of November, has been lifted. Meetings may resume subject to the directions given below and having regard to the level of risk within the area of your jurisdiction.

### **Tier 1**

Masonic meetings fall within the 'permitted organised gatherings' exemption in the new legislation which means that they may only be held in Masonic Centres or on other premises permitted by law i.e. a function room in a members' club or hotel.

Those responsible for organising such meetings, as well as those who manage the premises where they take place, are obliged to conduct a risk assessment and take all reasonable steps to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. Consequently, meetings may resume subject to the Rule of Six which, for the Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, does include the Tyler (or equivalent).

### **Tier 2**

The new law also allows masonic meetings to be held in areas falling within Tier 2 as 'permitted organised gatherings' described above. Local Heads of Order may exercise their judgement as to whether to allow meetings under Tier 2 restrictions to take place within their jurisdiction To minimise the risk of transmission of the virus, the maximum permitted attendance at a meeting is Six (to include the Tyler (or equivalent)).

### **Tier 3**

The restrictions on people from separate households meeting indoors means that in areas falling within Tier 3, masonic meetings cannot take place and should be suspended.

### **Movement between areas subject to different Tiers**

Individuals who live in Tier 3 areas are not permitted to attend masonic meetings in Tier 1 or Tier 2 areas.

Masonic dining The law relating to dining after meetings remains unclear so until there is greater clarity on what is permitted, festive boards must not take place. It is important to remind you that

whilst you have an implied power to impose a local suspension in the current circumstances, this should only be done following consultation with the Secretariat.

With fraternal regards and best wishes.

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W.

Grand Secretary

**Introducing V.III.Comp./V.W.Bro. Kenneth Michael Rondel, the new Grand Inspector for both the Royal & Select Masters and the Allied Masonic Degrees in the Channel Islands**





Hello all. Last Saturday (28th November 2020) I was honoured to be Installed as the Grand Inspector for the Channel Island Inspectorates of the Grand Council of the Royal & Select Masters and the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Unusual Installation to say the least, as neither of the Grand Masters were sadly able to attend to Install me due to the Covid Pandemic; the number of attendees was also limited to just 20 members at each Installation ceremony. But at least the Installations were able to be held, because as I write this brief message, Freemasonry in Jersey has again been forced to closed down, due to increased numbers of Covid cases in our Island.

My predecessor R.III.Comp. & R.W.Bro. David Rosser very ably Installed me and we were able to enjoy a light lunch thereafter. In all a very successful day, given the circumstances. Sadly our members of the Inspectorate(s) from Guernsey were unable to attend, due to travel restrictions, but I will make it my priority duty to get across to see them as soon as I possibly can.

I have been a Freemason for over 40 years and been very fortunate in holding high Office in many Orders during that time, not least as Provincial Grand Master of the Craft and Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of Jersey.

Joining Freemasonry at the age of 22, I eagerly assumed Office within my Mother Lodge and subsequently my Holy Royal Arch Chapter and I have found much enjoyment from all aspects that Freemasonry offers. It was my late father who mentored me through my early years as a Freemason and he took great efforts to ensure I participated fully and encouraged me on my journey. This was before mentoring become a feature in Freemasonry.

Having joined Mark Masonry and other progressive Orders, it was after a number of encounters with certain senior Freemasons (in the bar!) at Mark Masons Hall that I was "*persuaded*" to join The Order of the Secret Monitor; little did I realise that the motive was to *encourage* me to introduce the Order into the Channel Islands. This was very successful, with no less than 3 Conclaves Consecrated in a couple of years. The establishment of a Province by the then Grand Supreme Ruler, MWy Bro Peter Glynn Williams was swift and I was honoured to be the first Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler; an Office I held for 10 years and thoroughly enjoyed travelling the length & breadth of the UK making many new friends along the way.

I am blessed to have two sons who have joined the Craft & HRA in recent years; my next task is to get them to sign application forms for Royal & Select Masters & Allied Masonic Degrees, watch this space! My family has a long, strong history and enthusiastic membership in Freemasonry and last year we had no less than 8 members of my immediate family in my Mother Chapter, with some of the younger ones occupying the Three Principal's Chairs, beat that if you can!

I am equally blessed to have two lovely daughters, a step daughter, who along with my wife, Bronwyn, (and best friend) are fully supportive of all my efforts I dedicate to Freemasonry. Recently, after 47 years as an investment banker, I took early retirement; but not wanting to sit idly by, I joined a local estate agents and am thoroughly enjoying a new career in property sales. When time permits, I love cycling, dabble in photography, am pretty useless at gardening (but keep trying), enjoy walking and wine tasting (well that's what I call it!) We have a static home in northern Brittany, a short 14 mile hop across the water, which allows me to combine enjoying the food and wine that La Belle France offers, plus cycling to explore the amazing countryside.





## West London Masonic Centre (WLMC) feeding the needy: a heart-warming story

The Mark Province of London have shared the following story with us about the great work being done by one of their Centres:

Many of you will already be aware that since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic the Chef, staff and volunteers at the West London Masonic Centre have given their time and efforts to produce many thousands of nourishing meals and to have them delivered to the points where it makes the most impact – directly to those who are homeless or struggling to feed themselves and their

children. A totally dedicated and powerful team, where there are generally four London Mark Masons, who many of you will recognise; V.W.Bro Bob Hancock and W.Bro Alan South. Both of whom have been very active in Mark, Royal Ark Mariner and, it must be said, in Craft, Chapter and many other Orders as well. As usual, they have been aided and abetted by W Bro Rohit Pattni and Bro John Holdsworth, the Centre Manager.

As London Mark, we have been able to provide some of the funding required to keep this excellent scheme afloat and, in conjunction with London Masonry and the Royal Arch, have commissioned a short video showing the fantastic work they have, and are still, committed to undertake.

We salute you and on behalf of those who are helped each day, thank you.



<https://youtu.be/OTpd0eIVqys>

## AMD District of London enjoy a great turnout

On Saturday 21 November, 150 Brethren of the Allied Masonic Degrees - including the Grand Master M.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson - gathered virtually via Zoom for the Annual Meeting of the Allied District of London.

The meeting was opened by the District Grand Prefect, R.W.Bro. Colin Woodcock, *MBE*, who spoke in his Address about what actions the District had been taking to keep its members engaged during the General Suspension. He also outlined some further initiatives - such as AMD face masks - that are in the pipeline.

The Grand Master then spoke for a few minutes, congratulating Colin and his team on the work they have been doing to ensure members stay connected and engaged.

A recording of the Annual Meeting can be viewed below.



<https://youtu.be/1sDUWRDlaFM>

## Our friends at Richard House issue their latest Newsletter - Friends of the Freemasons Winter E-news Bulletin - Issue #2



I think we can safely say that 2020 will be a year that goes down in history; a year where a pandemic changed the world; a year where Richard House Children's Hospice should have celebrated 20 years of caring for life-limited children and supporting their families. Instead our 20th anniversary fundraising events were cancelled and many of our traditional fundraising sources dried up.

I'm pleased to reassure you that as the second lock-down started (and continued), Richard House care services have and will remain open despite much of society closing its doors. We are still open and still caring - and continue to be here, offering vital and essential care, during these challenging and unprecedented times.

I hope that you will find this month's newsletter for our friends in the Masonic movement of interest. Support from the Freemasons has been invaluable in getting us through the last twelve months.

As we move into a new year we as a charity know how important it is to hold on to our friendships. We'd like to extend our gratitude and thanks to the organisation and look forward to your continued support in 2021 and beyond.



The Coronavirus outbreak provided society with its most testing time since World War 2; and yet the Masonic community was at our side. The amazing support shown by the Freemasons has ensured our vital work has continued throughout the ongoing crisis enabling us to achieve some incredible milestones.

The support from the Masonic community year on year helps to help our vital services running. I recently spoke to one of our parents about this and they said ***“People lean on Richard House for support, respite, social events, the list is endless, and it has all been missed during lockdown. It would be an absolute disaster if Richard House folded, it would have a much wider impact on the local area, vulnerable children and their families”***.

You can find lots more information on their website Here<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup><https://richardhouse.org.uk/>



## Holding Hands, Touching Hearts and Changing Lives



1 - Lucy Welford pictured centre left, with members of Lifelites, before processing into the Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall to join our March 2020 Communication

**Mark Masons' Hall, nestled in the bosom of the fashionable St James' area of the West end, is home to ten of the 'Progressive Orders' in Freemasonry as well as being one of the main masonic venues in the capital.** Each of the Orders has something different to offer the Brother seeking further enlightenment. Still, they all have one thing in common – a fundamental ethic of helping others by their charitable activities. In March, Mark Masons from across the country celebrated The Mark Benevolent Fund's partnership with Lifelites which saw grants distributed to hospices caring for disabled children and those with life-limited conditions to purchase specialist assistive technology packages. Two London hospices benefitted from the partnership, one of which was Richard House Children's Hospice. The hospice was later fortunate to receive £6,875 towards PPE and equipment costs for Hospice at Home.

Lucy Welford, Trust & Foundations Manager, at Richard House said, ***"We are extremely grateful to have the support of the Mark Benevolent Fund through what has arguably been our toughest year yet. Their generosity has meant we can keep on providing the best possible care to life-limited children in the community and, with Lifelites, brightening their days with fantastic resources and technology. A huge thank you from us all!"***

### Thanks from our Trustees

"We are proud and grateful to count the Freemasons as friends of Richard House. The support of those who have partnered with Richard House over our 20-year history is more precious than ever in these uncertain times. We are facing more demand for our services, both at the hospice where we care for children who would otherwise be in hospital, and through Hospice at Home, where we give support to families at a time that has been horrendous for many. As I write our shops are closed again and we are unable to host events.

Thank you from the trustees for all your help: for the gift of vital PPE, for the wonderful initiatives of individuals and for ongoing donations that are crucial to keeping services open for our children and families."

*Nicola Ukiah, Chair, Board of Trustees*



**The O.S.M. Premier Conclave of Improvement is about to hold its next virtual meeting. All Brethren of the Order are welcome to join in**

In this unique Conclave all the Brethren have the opportunity to practice the ritual in a friendly and encouraging environment, supported by experienced brethren who are keen to assist in developing the knowledge and understanding of this beautiful and Important Order.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 9 December at 7 pm. If you would like to participate and perform please contact the Secretary, Brother Seirios Kokkalis [seiriosdj@yahoo.gr](mailto:seiriosdj@yahoo.gr)<sup>3</sup> / 07707 743188.

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## Hard at work in Wales

We've got pictures this week from two more meetings in Wales:

First, the Installation meeting of Paul Raymond Clement Conclave No. 623 in Pontyclun, in the O.S.M. Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

Sir Paul Williams (Grand Junior Warden in Craft masonry) installed his successor Alan Gardener (APGM in the Craft Province of South Wales).



And secondly, the Installation of Keith Ferguson (Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the aforementioned O.S.M. Province) as Preceptor and Prior of Holy Palestine Preceptory No. 502 in the Knights Templar Province of Monmouth and South Wales.

This was the first Preceptory to resume meetings in the Province. The Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T., was pleased to be in attendance at this meeting of his Mother Preceptory.



## Continuing in the Caribbean

Another great Installation meeting, this time that of Millennium Conclave No.455 in the O.S.M. District of Southern Caribbean. The new Supreme Ruler W.Bro. Achirri D. Adams had the support of twenty two Brethren. Six visiting Brethren and sixteen from Millennium Conclave.



## A special report from the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital for the Knights Templar

Two weeks ago in these pages we spoke about the special relationship that exists between the Knights Templar and the St John of Jerusalem. Here is the latest report, written especially for their Knights Templar supporters, on the activities of the Eye Hospital.

## Mobile Outreach Programme

### Report to the Knights Templar

December 2020

It gives us great pleasure to update you on the work of the Mobile Outreach Programme. Each year the outreach programme allows us to help the most marginalised communities in the Palestinian territories by bringing our care to communities. Last year it reached over 10,000 people and despite the disruption that COVID-19 caused, has helped over 4,000 people to date.

The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is the only charitable provider of expert eye care in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. It has been treating patients regardless of their ethnicity, religion or ability to pay for almost 140 years and employs 268 people. Its flagship hospital in East Jerusalem supports almost 50,000 patients and performs over 3,600 major operations each year. People travel from all over the country to access its services. Along with this we have hospitals in Hebron and Gaza, together with clinics in Anabta and Maristan. The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group's vision is to transform lives by saving people's sight in a region that has faced decades of conflict and inequality.



The Mobile Outreach Programme visits a range of the most isolated communities in the Palestinian territories to bring ophthalmic care. In 2019 it reached over 10,000 people. The programme is made up of two teams, one in the West Bank and one in Gaza, each delivering essential screening with specialists to diagnose existing or potential eye conditions completely free of charge. Those with acute diagnoses are referred to our hospital in Jerusalem for further treatment or surgery.

#### Why mobile outreach?

People in the occupied Palestinian territories are ten times more likely to go blind than in the West. The politics of the region means that isolated communities are often left behind when it comes to medical care. We've found that there are three principal contributing factors for such a high incidence of poor eye care:

- **Poverty:** Poverty is both a cause and consequence of blindness, but by helping restore people's sight we are potentially improving the lives of individuals and their families which in turn can promote the stability and economy of the region.
- **Geographic isolation:** The physical and economic isolation and frequent outbreaks of conflict in the Palestinian territories have all led to high levels of poverty. Over the last decade, internal and external barriers have caused significant constraints in economic growth and business investment. This in turn has resulted in high rates of unemployment.
- **Accessibility:** Access to quality eye care is vital for everyone but obtaining treatment in the Palestinian territories can be a complicated process. It's not uncommon for patients to have to navigate numerous movement restrictions such as the Separation Wall, the permit system or poor transport access – not to mention the restrictions imposed because of COVID-19 lockdowns this year which are in full effect as we write.

There is also another contributing factor. Genetics plays a devastating part in potential eye problems in this region. The need to preserve cultural traditions and retain property within the family has led to almost half of all marriages in the Palestinian territories being intrafamilial. Unfortunately intrafamilial marriages increase the risk of a number of eye conditions such as cataracts caused by a genetic fault inherited from parents causing the lens to develop abnormally. As a charity we are committed to extending our care to communities that would otherwise be unable to benefit from our services, and ultimately this is the reason we provide the Mobile Outreach Programme for those that live in the West Bank and Gaza areas.

59-year-old Hassan from Agraba in the West Bank, has suffered from diabetic retinopathy for many years, but thanks to the Mobile Outreach Service his condition is managed by regular check-ups followed by occasional treatment at the Group's other centres.

#### Delivering essential services

The Mobile Outreach Programme is made up of two teams, one in Gaza and the other in the West Bank. Each delivers specialist screening to diagnose existing or potential eye conditions completely free of charge. Up to 2018 we had two teams in the West Bank but due to the ending of USAID funding in 2018, coupled with the physical restrictions caused by the COVID lockdown we have scaled back operations to one van. This is the van that the Knights Templar's funding helped us purchase. Additional treatment for people in these hard-to-reach regions is either subsidised or completely waived. This is made possible by the way we channel fees generated by

private patients at the Jerusalem Hospital to create a financial surplus which funds our charitable activities. Currently we provide four days a week outreach clinics, two of which are run at Kafar Aqub Clinic, twenty kilometers north of Jerusalem. The Mobile Outreach Programme also provides a Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programme which addresses damage to the blood vessels of the light-sensitive tissue in the retina. There is no cure for this condition but the sooner the condition is diagnosed the easier it is to treat.

### Bringing primary care treatment to those in need

High standards of healthcare is a fundamental human right,<sup>1</sup> yet today there remains a significant disparity between the healthcare systems in Israel and the Palestinian territories. Established in 1982, the Mobile Outreach Service brings free medical aid to these remote and disadvantaged communities, and provides essential screening, health education, treatment and referrals. Inequality significantly affects these communities and creates an on-going burden of health care problems.<sup>2</sup> For example, it's not uncommon for children to irreversibly lose most or all of their sight from glaucoma, yet in most cases single eye drops could save their sight. Good eye care enables children to attend school, training as teenagers and to eventually secure employment as adults. One of the cases we dealt with last year involved Hala, a three-year-old girl, who came to a clinic with a range of issues (congenital anomalies, retinopathy, squints and cataracts). Her parents had avoided seeking treatment because they couldn't afford it. We assured them they could access care without needing to pay and referred them to the Jerusalem Hospital for follow-up treatment. Her conditions would almost certainly have resulted in blindness in both eyes had her parents not brought her to one of our outreach clinic sessions. This is precisely why the Mobile Outreach Programme brings eye care treatment directly to the communities most in need. These are people who would otherwise be unable to travel or deal with the physical restrictions. By providing this dependable and expert service we significantly reduce the incidence of people failing to access referral mechanisms for treatment.

**"St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital's Outreach Programme allows us to reach the most marginalised communities by taking our care where it is needed most. Your generous support enables this to happen"**

Nasser Masarweh, Mobile Outreach Nurse

Another example of the programme's spirit of innovation is the Education Sessions we provide. Here patients and their families are taught about the causes of common eye conditions and how to safeguard against them. Staff inform them when medical care is needed and how people can manage their conditions. Educational leaflets are distributed to communities and staff spend time with individuals experiencing eye care conditions. This, in effect, generates a cascade effect allowing those who have already been given information on their eye conditions to pass on the knowledge to family members and immediate community which contributes significantly towards reducing rates of avoidable blindness.

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### Case Study



This is five-year-old Muhammad Darwan. He's from the Qabalan village near Nablus. Two years ago his mother noticed that he had problems focusing his vision. She was worried because she didn't know what was happening to her child and traveling outside the village, or going to the city of Nablus were simply not possible for her. The Mobile Outreach clinic gave her the opportunity to bring Muhammad to have his sight tested where he was diagnosed with a bilateral congenital cataract. He is scheduled for surgery to have it removed later this year at our Jerusalem Hospital. After which he will fully recover and be able to get on with his life.

### The cost of providing the Mobile Outreach Programme

The overall cost of providing the Mobile Outreach Programme is £234,820 for the current financial year. As mentioned above, in 2018 the US Administration made the decision to cut substantial USAID funding which resulted in a total loss of funding to us of £500,000. Financially this was a tremendously difficult time for St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, but thanks to the Knights Templar's generosity we were able to replace one of the years and continue a reliable and dependable service for the residents of the West Bank.

| Mobile Outreach Programme Costs 2020 | GBP K          |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Payroll & Related Costs              | 203,043        |
| Medical Costs                        | 7,444          |
| Vehicle Running Costs                | 24,445         |
| Other Running Costs                  | 1,888          |
| <b>Total Costs</b>                   | <b>234,820</b> |

We are immensely grateful to the Knights Templar for its exceptional support over the years. We sincerely hope that you will continue to support the work of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group and we look forward to keeping you updated on our work over the coming year.

Charlie O'Doherty  
Trusts and Philanthropy Officer

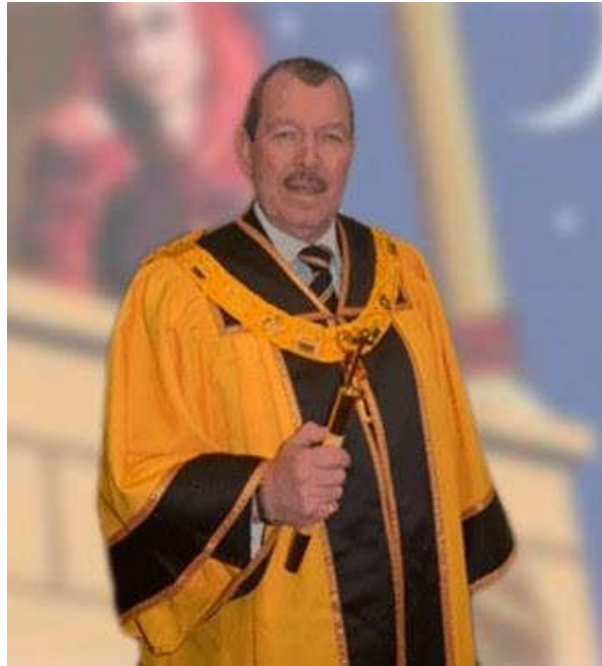
### References

- <sup>1</sup> World Blind Union, 2016.
- <sup>2</sup> Cooper, 2008.
- <sup>3</sup> Physicians for Human Rights, 2013.
- <sup>4</sup> World Health Organisation, 2012.

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Click Here<sup>4</sup> to download a PDF

## The Scarlet Cord Province of East Lancashire have launched their new website



Please drop in and see what they have been doing. Click Here<sup>5</sup> to visit the site

### Across Social Media

On Twitter - The Mark Province of Kent connect with their Companions in the Royal Arch to talk about the two Orders.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1333535121966833664>

And the KT Provincial Priory of Northumberland launch their new look website




<http://twitter.com/statuses/1333916404639207430>

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<sup>4</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Outreach\\_Report\\_-\\_November\\_2020.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Outreach_Report_-_November_2020.pdf)

<sup>5</sup><https://amoscel.co.uk/>


On Facebook - Freemasons Without Borders prepare to take a look at the Societas Rosicruciana In Anglia (SRIA)




Anthony William Llewellyn  
*Most Worthy Supreme Magus*

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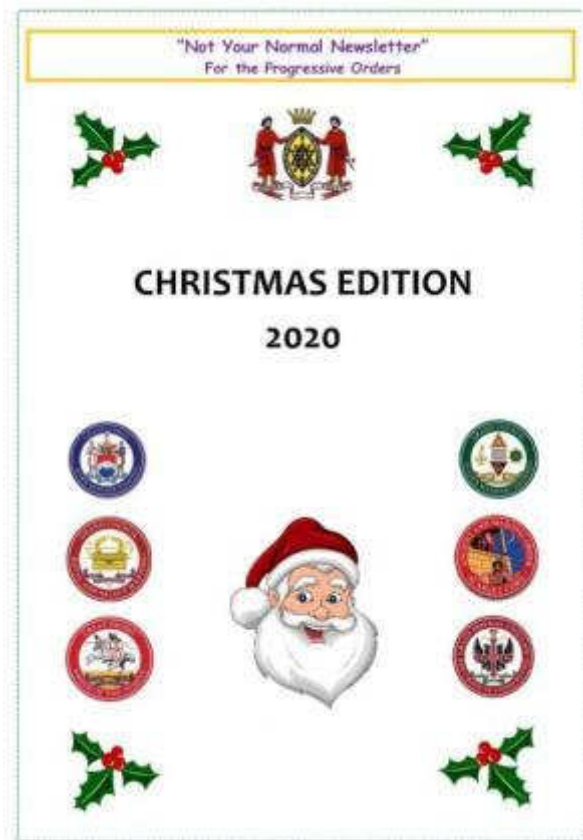
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And the O.S.M. Province of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire have issued a Christmas Newsletter for the Progressive Orders



2 - [Click Here<sup>6</sup>](#) to open

On YouTube - Minerva Talks look at the Mystery of Crystal Skulls



<https://youtu.be/EydTnBnTTxo>

## Not seeing your news? 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. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook

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<sup>6</sup>[https://online.fliphtml5.com/klyzp/hzhf/?fbclid=IwAR1sp-vbzKhnpWENTsv4RxZkLbC8SucuJwKk2SMql336lV5L\\_fsTBijLFfl#p=1](https://online.fliphtml5.com/klyzp/hzhf/?fbclid=IwAR1sp-vbzKhnpWENTsv4RxZkLbC8SucuJwKk2SMql336lV5L_fsTBijLFfl#p=1)

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We can be found at:

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## KT 20 for 2020 Appeal



**Please note that the MCF, who are handling donations to this appeal, have moved their payment collection site from the Everyday Hero platform to that of Just Giving. This doesn't impact how you make your donation but unfortunately it isn't possible for us to set the amount of your donation automatically to £20. The default set by the website is £30 and you will need to adjust it down.**

You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. Just Click Here<sup>11</sup> or use the Text Donate facility below.

100% of donations will be given to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group to support their vital work. To recognise your generosity and support, The Great Priory of Knights Templar is sending a limited-edition Swift tie/lapel pin to every donor.

***The Swift pins are now being posted out but please bear with us as we are only in the office one day per week to carry out this task so some deliveries will take longer than others. Thank you for your patience.***



**Text KT2042020 to 70500 to donate £20**

All monies donated to this text number go towards the **The Knights Templar 20 for 2020 Appeal**

For a text donation, you will be charged for one standard text message plus your donation of £20. Always get the bill payer's permission. The Relief Chest will receive 100% of your donation. If you do not want to be contacted by text in the future, add the words NO INFO when texting your donation. All donations are administered by the Relief Chest Scheme (Grand Charity Registered Charity No. 281942). Text donation helpline: 020 3146 3352. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1164703, Company No. 09751836

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<sup>7</sup><https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

<sup>8</sup><https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

<sup>9</sup><https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

<sup>10</sup><mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>

<sup>11</sup><https://fundraising.mcf.org.uk/Appeal-KT2042020>

## And there is still time to shop at the Gift of Sight Fair



Shop From 100+ Brands! 10% of proceeds donated to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

Click Here<sup>12</sup> to visit the Fair

## The Shop@86 is temporarily closed



Due to the new Government Lockdown restrictions for England the Shop@86 will be temporarily closed from Thursday, 5 November but will re-open as soon as circumstances improve.

If you have any urgent enquiries about orders already placed please email [ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk](mailto:ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk)<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup><https://brilliantlittlebrands.com/pages/giftofsight>

<sup>13</sup><mailto:ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk>



## MBF Festival 2021



**East Lancashire Province**, hosts of the **153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival in 2021**, have produced a unique **Souvenir Festival Calendar** for the year **2021** and copies are now available.

These large, wall hanging calendars feature twelve contrasting prints of iconic sights in East Lancashire, commencing with the beauty of Pendle Hill in January and ending with Manchester's colourful Christmas Market in December. The 12 original watercolours were painted by Annette Young over the past four years specially for this calendar without cost to the Province. Calendars are priced at £10 each and all proceeds will go to the MBF.

So, let us brighten your kitchen or office wall and at the same time provide much needed support for our Mark Benevolent Fund. Why not purchase several more copies to send to friends and family at Christmas?

**Thank you very much for your support.**



The calendar measures: 318mm x 228mm folded – 318mm x 456mm open

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By email: [eastlancscalendars@gmail.com](mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com)<sup>14</sup> By telephone: 07766731307

Payment by **cheque to East Lancs Mark 2021 Festival** – post to:

**East Lancs Calendars. 47 St Leonards Way, Woore, Crewe. CW3 9SS**

**Or contact them for electronic payment details**

And don't forget, Stewardship, Badge and Festival orders can be places as well.

Click Here<sup>15</sup> for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here<sup>16</sup> for the complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here<sup>17</sup>

## Helping to Combat Covid



At the start of Lockdown the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W., shared the COVID Symptom Study<sup>18</sup> app.

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<sup>14</sup><mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

<sup>15</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Stewardship\\_Badge\\_Form.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf)

<sup>16</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Festival\\_Complete\\_Forms\\_Pack.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Festival_Complete_Forms_Pack.pdf)

<sup>17</sup><http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

<sup>18</sup><https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

As local lockdowns and UK cases increase, with over 4 million users, this app is a useful source of information regarding the situation in your area, as well as being a portal through which people of all ages and backgrounds are joining together to fight COVID, support the NHS, help scientific research and help get us out of lockdown safely.

## Business as usual for the Staff@86



Staff from the 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall may now be decamping to mainly work from home but all departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support as usual.



