



Freemasonry@86 News - 19 March 2021



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Bedfordshire T@3 Celebrates a Centenarian



Bedfordshire Mark Masons were treated to a double delight at their regular Friday T@3 meeting when they were joined by W.Bro. Alf Burgess, P.G.J.D., who was celebrating his 100th birthday.

After the initial social interaction, the Brethren enjoyed a thought-provoking presentation by W.Bro. David Hollyman, P.G.St.B., (Pictured below) entitled 'The Masonic Light of a Master Mason'. David's superbly presented dissertation outlined the importance of the term 'light' to our ceremonies, the Masonic ethos and life in general.

The meeting was then handed over to W.Bro. Chris Burgess, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire. He welcomed his father on this momentous day and then summarised Alf's life over the last century. His formative years were spent in the East End of London where life was not easy in the days before the Welfare System. Alf's schooldays culminated at Central Foundation Grammar School where he was awarded a scholarship to Oxford University, which the family declined for financial reasons.

This was 1939 and war was imminent and rather than be called up to the Army or Navy, Alf joined the RAF just six days before WW2 was declared. He had a rude awakening to the ravages of war when his training post at Newmarket was bombed. Although buried in rubble he survived, but lost a close colleague who was decapitated from the event. After training, Alf was posted to Calcutta and then to Burma where as a Sergeant pilot he flew Wellingtons, bombing Japanese airfields and dropping supplies to the Chindits, forerunners of the SAS who were operating behind enemy lines. In 1945 his role changed to the harrowing job of repatriating survivors of the Japanese POW camps.

Alf was demobbed on his 26th birthday, and resumed civilian life by studying accountancy. He was initiated into Musgrave Lodge No. 1597 in 1962 and advanced in Barnet Mark Well Lodge No. 897 in 1967. He worked for a period at Mark Masons' Hall when it was located in Upper Brook Street, and joined a number of the progressive Orders. After leaving MMH he moved to Whitby becoming a shopkeeper and then a hotelier. He retired and moved to Ibiza where he met other Freemasons and together they founded the first Craft Lodge, Royal Arch Chapter and Mark Lodge on the island. Alf returned to the UK in 2002 but still made regular trips to Ibiza until the pandemic put paid to overseas travel.

After such an eventful life it was not surprising that a lively discussion ensued when Alf faced a torrent of questions from the attendees, including what was the secret to his managing to be so sprightly and active despite his years.

To commemorate his special day, in addition to many, many cards from friends and family, Alf received cards from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis. He also received a congratulatory letter/certificate from the Grand Master, a personal phone call from the Pro Grand Master, and a letter from the Grand Secretary informing him that he had been awarded a 'field promotion' to Past Grand Junior Deacon, which was a fitting culmination to a memorable day.

Hopefully Alf will now be a regular attendee of Bedfordshire T@3 meetings and enjoy many more healthy years enjoying his Freemasonry.







An item of interest for Brethren of the Order of the Secret Monitor



Wy.Bro. MC Black, P.A.G.D.C., kindly sent us the following story:

A few weeks ago, I watched a Zoom talk given by Simon Langton a Freemason and member of the Honourable Artillery Company - the oldest Regiment in the British Army and the second most senior unit of the Army Reserve.

The HAC comprises two indivisible parts: the Regiment (part of the Army Reserve), and a membership of 2,500 active and veteran personnel. It also runs two CCF contingents, a Special Constabulary Detachment and ceremonial sub-units.

The Company traditionally traces its origins to 1537 when Henry VIII granted a charter to the "Fraternity or Guild of Artillery of Longbows, Crossbows and Handguns", which was also to be a perpetual fraternity of St George. According to the charter, the Fraternity was intended for "the better increase of the defence of this our realm and maintenance of the science and feat of shooting in longbows, crossbows and handguns".

The Honourable Artillery Company since 1964 has been registered as a charity (charity no 208443). Its charitable purpose, in line with its original charter, is "for military exercise and training and for the better defence of the realm". The HAC has occupied Artillery Garden since 1641 and Armoury House, its Headquarters and Mess, was built in 1734.

The word "artillery" in the Sixteenth Century was used to describe archery and other small missile weapons, while bigger guns were known as "great artillery".

During the talk, the speaker mentioned that there was an Ezel in Armoury House and I subsequently followed this up with him.

He explained that there was a stone which had been used as a target by the HAC between 1537 to 1792 on their land, which formerly extended from the Artillery Ground to Islington Common.

Secret Monitors will recall the ritual uses the words "Ezel" to denote a target and "Artillery" to describe a Bow and Arrows.

The HAC web-site offers a virtual tour² and I was able to capture the image of this Ezel from that.



²<https://hac.org.uk/events>



St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

Memorial Park
The Woodlands, D20, DL
Chairman
Dr Andrew G. G. G. G.
Hospital
100 Doves Way, DL2

In February 2021 Gaza experienced a spike in COVID-19 cases, there are additional restrictions in movement and we hope that our staff will receive the vaccine without delay to protect them as they treat patients.

The safety of our patients and staff still remains a priority at this time and safety measures are being fully adhered to. There hasn't been any cross infection within the hospital and thanks to support from the WHO and EU/Wellfare we have an adequate supply of PPE for the next few months.

A strict lockdown was enforced in Israel for almost 6 weeks, which ended in early February 2021. Restrictions have been eased but a fourth lockdown is predicted soon. Elections are due to take place in Israel and the government is keen to open the airports to ensure all citizens have the right to vote. In PA control areas there was no lockdown, with the exception of areas with high COVID-19 cases. Weekend restrictions are still in place.

The St John Eye Hospital Group

Between January to February this year, 20,000 outpatients were seen by the group. This is down 7% compared to the same period in 2020 (pre-COVID 19).

There were 1,107 major eye operations performed in January and February this year, which is merely 8% less than the same period a year ago (pre COVID 19). The group also performed 160 major paediatric surgeries, which is 20% less than the same period of 2020.

At the Anafoto Centre, there has been an 8% reduction in clinical activities at the Centre compared to the same period a year ago.

At the Gaza Hospital outpatient clinical activities have remained steady and at the same level as 2020 (pre COVID19). There were 27 more cataract surgeries performed in comparison to the previous year and 38 less surgeries than the same period of 2020.

There has been a 24% increase in outpatients' activities in Hebron and almost an 18% increase in surgical activities, compared to the same period of last year.

Thank you

In closing, we are indebted to the Knights Templar for its exceptional support over the years. Your support has allowed us to remain hopeful and rise to the unique challenges we face. We hope that you will continue to support the work of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group and we look forward to seeing you updated at our work.

Wishing you good health and safety.

Kind regards,

Fadiha Elmas
Fundraising Officer
St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital



The Annual Meeting of the RSM District Grand Council of Cumberland & Westmorland

The Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Cumberland & Westmorland was held as a Virtual Business Meeting on Saturday, 13 March 2021. Attending was the Grand Master, M.III.Comp. Kessick John Jones, the Assistant Grand Recorder, Ill.Comp. Dan Heath, and Companions from many other Districts.



The District Grand Master for the District of Cumberland & Westmorland, R.III.Comp. Douglas Graham Sanderson, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.

After the regular business of the District was completed, the District Grand Council Officers for the ensuing year were appointed.

The District Grand Master welcomed all the guests and visitors and addressed District Grand Council. He congratulated those Companions who will be receiving appointment or promotion in Grand Council.



The Grand Master, M.III.Comp. Kessick John Jones, briefly addressed the meeting. He expressed his thanks for the invitation to the meeting and said he was looking forward to being able to be with everyone in hopefully the not too distant future



The District Grand Master thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed and was pleased to receive the usual good wishes from visiting representatives of other Districts.

Article and photos by Chris Eley, Assistant Provincial Grand Recorder, Surrey.

A good turnout for the Annual Meeting of the Red Cross of Constantine Division of Kent



R.III.Kt. Nick Alder, Intendant-General, writes:

Rather than hold our Divisional Meeting on the normal Saturday morning we opted to switch to the following Monday evening so as not to take away valuable family weekend time from the Knights, and it was well received, and the attendance was over 150 including Graham Smith, a Past Deputy Grand Sovereign, and Chris Macdonald, the President of the Grand Sovereign's Council, Intendants-General and many representatives of other Divisions, but there were over 100 Knights from within the Division attending, which seemed to confirm that the switch was well received and did not detract from our usual good numbers.

The meeting commenced with the usual Service of Rededication led by our Divisional High Prelate, the Grand Sub-Prelate, Rev Howard Pashley, before the Intendant-General opened the meeting and carried out the necessary business aspects, before re-appointing most of the Officers from last year, who had been appointed just 3 days before the suspension of all Masonic Activities. Due to the planned retirement of the Divisional Marshal, a number of Knights were appointed to new offices in the Division.

The Divisional Treasurer, Ill.Kt. Colin Tunbridge, announced that during the year the Division had supported two local Children's Charities with a donation of £500 each, and encouraged the Knights to make an on-line contribution to the Division's charitable fund to enable us to make further donations to charity in the future. He also confirmed that to assist Conclaves, the Division would repeat its 50% reduction in Divisional dues for the year beginning 1st September 2021, which was well received.

The Intendant-General then addressed the Knights, and after giving thanks to the Divisional Recorder, Ill.Kt. Rob Wilsher for his tremendous work throughout what was a very difficult year, mentioned the need for all of us to continue looking out for each other and to hold zoom meetings wherever possible until we can meet again in person. He announced three particular plans for the future:-

- Having just supported Kent Mark 2020 Festival, we would be supporting the Craft Festivals for both East and West Kent for the next 5 years.
- A zoom meeting would shortly be organised with all Sovereign's to consider plans for recommencement when possible and what can be done to attract new Knights to the Order.

- The Division would be holding its next Gala Evening on Saturday 18th June 2022, and another excellent evening was being planned.

After the Intendant-General closed the meeting, the Knights were encouraged to remain on zoom and a good catch-up with many of them ensued.



Two Newsletters from the Allied Masonic Degrees



The District of London's "Shot in the Arm" is available [Here](#)⁴ and includes this entertaining trailer for their District Council of Improvement



https://youtu.be/OP_XGh9XJiE

⁴<https://www.amdlondon.org/images/pdf/SITA/SITA2.pdf>

And a copy of the Surrey Gridiron can be downloaded Here⁵



A Message from our District Grand Prefect

Welcome to the first edition of the Surrey Gridiron newsletter. I trust that you have all been keeping safe and well and staying in contact with one another. Our Zoom meeting in December was a great success with more than 100 in attendance, it would have been an absolute pleasure to see everyone at Crofton but hopefully it isn't too long now before we can safely meet and enjoy each other's company without any restrictions. Some members have had virtual Business meetings or social meetings via zoom so thank you to those members for making the effort and I'm pleased to say that many are which I had attended were excellent.

My congratulations goes again to those who have received appointments and promises to Grand Office, namely W. Jim Trevor Curran, promotion to Past Grand Senior Deacon; William John Colman and Terry Carpenter, GSA appointments to Past Grand Standard Bearer; plus Willie Simon McCarby, first appointment to Past Grand Senior Deacon (NSJ London). It was such a shame that the annual meeting of Grand Council at Crofton Hall was cancelled due to COVID, what we will see each other soon and celebrate accordingly.

Brothers, please continue to stay in contact with each other. It is contacting the different ways, we can stay in touch, via email, social platforms such as Zoom, Twitter, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram - the list is endless but please do not forget the good old fashioned telephone. I can say first-hand how lovely and rewarding it is to receive or make a call, especially if someone not expecting it, to thank you again and remember to have fun. **It is good to talk!** Stay safe, keep well and may the Grand Deities be All there, you're in His Holy Keeping now and forever.

Kindest regards, John French

Introducing our new District Grand Treasurer

In December 2020 at the District Virtual Business Meeting our District Grand Master appointed Brother Ray Sodey as the new District Grand Treasurer to the District Grand Council of Surrey.

Bro. Ray is well known to most of us as he has been the Position Grand Treasurer in the Mark Brotherhood of Surrey for many years.

Ray writes:

"Other Abbots are often regarded when I read them that I have visited Great Gallow Street in 1908. I was not 71 when my father died, and the brother of my father's Judge (John) lived in GSA; sponsored my father's application for one to Grand at the local Masonic Lodge. The process involved an interview of the local Masonic Association for Five in Great Gallow Street. I unfortunately attended the Doctor and Sister School between 1918 and 1922.

My school career could be described as somewhat unremarkable in sports, but I did play for the school chess team, and musical night 27 times. The school had an activity called Chess, with contacts in most weeks of the year. I was appointed to the role with the title of Chessmaster. As a member of the City, and in the final winter of 1920, I started work with one of them, playing 3 year 'Articles of Apprenticeship', at the age of 17. In December 1917, I joined my local masonic lodge, and have been a Chartered Mason ever since 23 years.

At school, I don't recall being interested, as a Chartered Accountant I have learnt independence, objectivity and integrity, and to adhere to fundamental ethical principles.

The school I have subsequently been taught in. I'm sure you'll complement those well."

The Annual District Meeting

Due to the suspension of Masonic activity the December 2020 Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Surrey was held as a Virtual Business Meeting using the Zoom video conferencing tool.

Attending the meeting was the District Grand Prefect, W. Jim. John V. C. French, the members of the District Executive, and a number of Surrey Brothers.



Also present were the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Thomas Pratt Walker, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Christopher Murrell, and a number of visiting Brothers from other Districts, not under 100 altogether in total.

The District Grand Prefect said how pleased he was to welcome W. Jim. John V. C. French as the Deputy District Grand Prefect and thanked him for all his support over the past year.

He then asked the District Grand Secretary to read the names of the Brothers appointed to and promoted to District Grand Rank following which the District Grand Prefect congratulated those who received appointments or promotion to the District Grand Council of Surrey.

The District Grand Prefect thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed. Afterwards the Zoom remained open for a few minutes to allow everyone to chat together before saying goodbye.

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⁵http://download.mmh.org.uk/Surrey_Gridiron_Issue_1_-_March_2021.pdf

A Look Back on 2020

Who would have thought when we were last together at the District Annual Meeting at Copley Masonic Hall in December 2019 what 2020 would hold for us all.



During the meeting the District Grand Precept presented W Bro. Ian Clark, Provincial Grand Master of the Mark Province of Surrey, with a cheque for £2022 in support of the Mark 2022 MBE Festival. W Bro. Ian thanked the District Grand Precept and the Brethren of the District of Surrey for their generous donation and their support for the Festival.

To end a more enjoyable day the Deputy District Grand Precept presented SW Bro. John with a certificate of appreciation for his recent vehicle.

In February Runcorn Lodge was honoured by the presence of our District Grand Precept and our Deputy District Grand Precept. The evening followed a meeting of Chertsey Abbey Masonic Council.



After the Council was closed the Comptrolers of Chertsey Abbey Council and the Brethren of Runcorn Lodge and their guests sat down in a most enjoyable festal board at the Spacious Masonic Hall.

On the 17th March 2020 a letter was issued by the Grand Secretary of the Order administered from Mark Masonic Hall to all Masonic Units as follows:-

"The Grand Masters of the Order administered from Mark Masonic Hall have jointly agreed to suspend the presence of all Masons in any form of public or private social activities should take place until further notice".

The first meeting of Kingston Council after the suspension of all Masonic activities was held in July at the Masonic Hall, Southon. The meeting took place under the recently introduced Covid-19 guidelines from Mark Masonic Hall.



The Council was honoured by the presence of our District Grand Precept and our Deputy District Grand Precept. Being new to all the Covid-19 regulations our District Grand Precept had to be shown how to wear his face mask.

The Brethren of Kingston Council then got together for a socially distanced group photo wearing their new AHD face masks and face shields.

Also in July our District Grand Precept presented a cheque for £1,000 to SW Bro. Ian Clark towards the Mark 2022 Festival.

The first AHD Council meeting in Surrey since the scale of six guidelines was introduced took place at the Southern Cross Council at Guildford on the 16th September.



What also made it special was that there had a Candidate for the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, W Bro. John Mosley, the Chair of the 2021 Surrey Mark Provincial Comptrolers.

Bro John was introduced, received and admitted as a Brother of St Lawrence to an excellent evening by YW Bro Michael Barnes and his small band of Officers.

Sadly due to numbers the Council was unable to be honoured by the presence of our District Grand Precept. However he sent everyone his best wishes and arranged for a number of Brethren to be waiting for an afternoon to thank everyone for their efforts. If W Bro. John may not have been with us in person, but he was with us in spirit.

It is a pleasure to hold meetings during the lockdown are encouraged by Mark Masonic Hall to make use of the Virtual Business Meeting Scheme annual.

District Grand Council of Surrey web site <http://www.districtgrandcouncilsurrey.co.uk>

A brace of successful meetings in Hong Kong



Andrew Ritchie, P.G.J.D., District Grand Secretary of the District Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hong Kong tells us:

Concordia Lodge No 721 brought their Centenary year to its conclusion on Thursday, 11 March, with the installation of W.Bro. Kendall Oei, unfortunately delayed from January because of the Covid-19 suspension of activities.

And Shameen Lodge No 832 held their Installation meeting on Tuesday, 9 March. Pictured below are the new W.M., W.Bro. Uday Shah, his Wardens Bro. Ning Li and Chuck Li, and Deacons Bros. Alfred Wong and Keith Chan.



Across Social Media

[On Facebook - St Patrick's Day with a virtual tour of Freemasons' Hall, Dublin](#)

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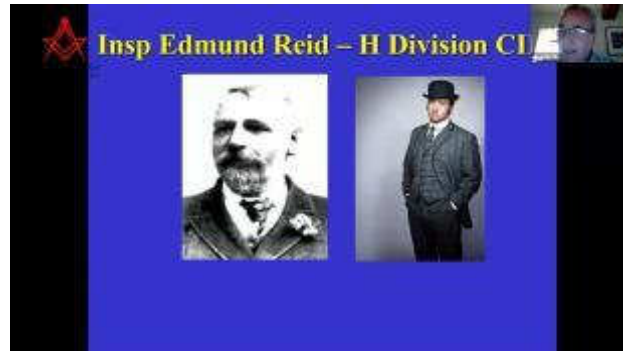
[On Twitter - Get out in that kitchen and rattle those pots and pans](#)

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1372879168178896896>

And, all set for Easter in Cornwall

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1372572998687989761>

On YouTube - Freemasons' Without Borders explore the links between Freemasonry and the world's most famous unidentified serial killer



<https://youtu.be/yYLRerZbiNU>

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We can be found at:

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Please note: During the current Government Lockdown restrictions, there will be limited access to Mark Masons' Hall. As a result there will be delays to the despatch of orders, which will take place on a weekly basis, normally on a Tuesday. Customers will be notified via email once their order has been despatched. For enquiries about your order please email ordersinfo@mmh.org.uk¹¹

⁶<https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

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The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now raised over £46,000 and continues to grow



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 Here¹² 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.



The Knights Templar
20 for 2020 Appeal



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 Clergy Registered Charity No. 281942). Text donation helpline: 020 3146 3252. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1184703; Company No. 09751836

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MBF Festival 2021



¹²<https://fundraising.mcf.org.uk/Appeal-KT2042020>

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.com¹³ By telephone: 07766731307

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

Click Here¹⁴ for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here¹⁵ for the updated complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here¹⁶

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¹⁴https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf

¹⁵[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete_Forms_Pack_Final_2021_-_Updated_18.01.2021_\(002\).pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Complete_Forms_Pack_Final_2021_-_Updated_18.01.2021_(002).pdf)

¹⁶<http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels Now Available

The new-look MBF Stewardship Jewels have now multiplied in number and are available for the following Festivals:

2022 Surrey¹⁷

2023 West Yorkshire¹⁸

2024 Cheshire¹⁹

2025 Oxfordshire²⁰

2026 Hampshire & IOW²¹

2027 Warwickshire²²

2028 Somerset²³

2030 Essex²⁴

¹⁷<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2022-surrey-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

¹⁸<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2023-west-yorkshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form/viewdocument>

¹⁹<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2024-cheshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

²⁰<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2025-oxfordshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

²¹<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2026-hants-iow-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

²²<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2027-warwickshire-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

²³<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2028-somerset-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>

²⁴<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mbf-download/2030-essex-mbf-festival-stewardship-form-2/viewdocument>











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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.

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 Study²⁵ app.

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



²⁵<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Staff from the 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall have returned to working from home but all departments and teams are available via email and telephone to help and support as usual.



Mark Masons' Hall is pleased to be

