

Freemasonry@86 News - 2 September 2022



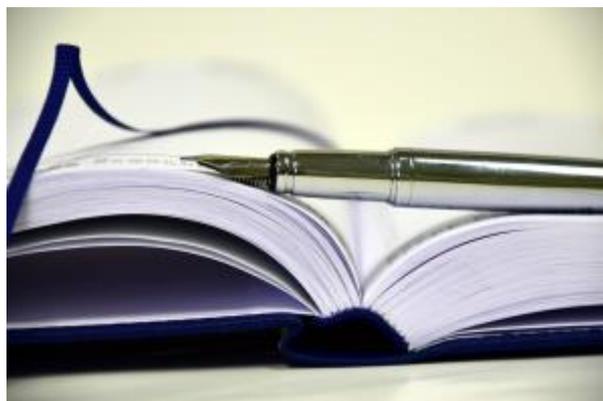
Welcome to your news and information update for the 'Progressive Orders of Freemasonry' administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street.

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Progressive 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.

Thursday, 8 September - K.B.H.C. Annual Meeting of Grand Priory, M.M.H.

Saturday, 10 September - K.T. Installation of V.E.Kt. Colin Dann, P.Gt.Reg., as Provincial Prior for Sussex

Saturday, 10 September - R.S.M. Installation of V.III.Comp. Geoffrey Frederick Spencer, P.G.Lect., as District Grand Master for East Anglia

Tuesday, 13 September - Mark Communication of Mark Grand Lodge. Celebrating Prince Michael of Kent's 40th Anniversary as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the investiture of recipients of Promotions in Grand Rank, F.M.H.

Saturday, 17 September - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Andrea Bonechi, P.G.S.D., as District Grand Master for Italy

Saturday, 17 September - S.C. Installation of Dist.Comp. Alan Webster, IV, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Summus for West Yorkshire

Thursday, 22 September - Mark Installation of V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, P.G.J.O., as Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland

Saturday, 24 September - K.T. Family Service at Wells Cathedral - see further down for booking instructions

Monday, 26 September - K.T. Installation of E.Kt. Paul Jeffrey Davis, P.Gt.St.B.(B.), as Provincial Prior for Somerset

Wednesday, 28 September - R.A.M. Great Ouse Lodge of R.A.M. No. 607 Centenary, Province of Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford

Thursday, 29 September - Mark Remigius Lodge of M.M.M. No. 117 Sesquicentenary, Province of Lincolnshire

Friday, 30 September - Mark Persevere Lodge of M.M.M. No. 723 Centenary, Province of Sussex

Friday, 30 September & Saturday, 1 October - S.C. visit to Toulouse

LONSAR benefits from London Mark Master Masons' grant



London Search & Rescue (LONSAR) assists the Metropolitan Police in searches for vulnerable missing persons. The importance of search and rescue in saving life is to respond quickly to a lost person in an emergency. The sooner a vulnerable missing person is found and receives prompt and appropriate medical care, the better their chances are for survival.

Steven McGowan, LONSAR Operations Director, says *"We are a registered charity and staffed 100% by volunteers. We receive no funding from the government, local authorities, or other emergency services. So this donation of £1,250 from the London Mark Master Masons is gratefully received and will enable us to continue offering a 24/7, 365-days-a-year, life-saving service to the 10 million people who live, work and travel in London."*

The cheque was presented to the LONSAR team (including Robbie, an air scent tracker dog) by Provincial Grand Secretary W.Bro. Robert Anderson, W.Bro. Tim Spriggs, Prov.G.Ch.Stwd. and W.Bro. Richard Criddle, Provincial Communications Manager, outside Mark Masons' Hall.

With thanks to W. Bro. Richard Criddle, P.Prov.G.J.D., for the words, and Dani Devine of LONSAR for the photo's



The Provincial Grand Wardens Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 2035



The Portal Lecture

The Provincial Grand Wardens Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 2035, which was Consecrated on 26 February 2022, will hold its First Regular Meeting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 17 September 2022 at Alderson House, Warwick CV34 4AX.

Membership of the Lodge is limited to Brethren who are or have been active Wardens in any Province or District under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas.

The Portal Lecture will be delivered at this meeting by V.W.Bro. Dr Rod G. Taylor, P.G.J.O. All proceeds from the meeting will be in support of the current Mark Festival that is being held in 2023, by the Province of West Yorkshire.

The Lecture is entitled "The First Royal Mark Mason".

The meeting will be followed by a Festive Board at 1.00 p.m. Details can be obtained from the Lodge Secretary.

Attendance at the meeting is limited so if you wish to attend please contact the Secretary, W.Bro. Christopher R. Denley, at denley.christopher@gmail.com or by phone on 0741 501 5903.



1 - Reverend George Raymond Portal, Grand Master of the Mark 1869 - 1873

A visit to Botley



Saturday, 27 August 2022 was the date of the Annual Meeting of the District Grand Council of Dorset, Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

Companions from across the Constitution met up in the bar for coffee and a chat before getting ready for the meeting.



The meeting was very well supported by other Districts with 10 District Grand Masters attending, along with their Companions, plus Heads of Other Orders.



The Past District Grand Master, R.III.Comp. George Deacon, was escorted into the Temple...



.... followed by the other Right Illustrious Companions.



The meeting was called to order by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies and the District Grand Master entered in procession.



The meeting was opened by the District Grand Master who welcomed everyone saying how good it was to see the Temple so full.

After the regular business of District Grand Council had been concluded, the District Grand Master had much pleasure in presenting Silver Trowel Certificates to 6 Companions of the District.

The District Grand Master had much pleasure in appointing as Deputy District Grand Master, III.Comp. Robert James Brown; and as District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work III.Comp. Simon Paul Lancaster.



There were 24 appointments and promotions in District Grand Rank.

The District Grand Master then addressed District Grand Council. He gave a warm welcome to all attending today and said how pleased he was to see over 140 Companions attending the meeting. He said that Councils were back to meeting as normal, albeit with reduced numbers. He asked everyone to speak to those not yet attending to encourage them to return when they felt ready.

The District Grand Master presented the Travelling Trowel to Ill. Comp. Anton Smith of Carnarvon Council No 5. It is hoped that the Travelling Trowel will encourage visiting between Councils.



He congratulated those who had received Grand Rank at the Grand Council meeting in April, as well as those he had appointed and invested today saying he was looking forward to the future. He thanked the District Grand Recorder and the District Grand Director of Ceremonies and their teams for all they had done to make the meeting such a success.

The District Grand Master, attended by the Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and distinguished guests, retired in procession.



After pre-lunch drinks...



it was time to down to a very convivial meal.



After the meal the District Grand Master had much pleasure in presenting donations to the Provincial Grand Masters of Dorset...



and Hampshire & Isle of Wight...



towards their Craft Festivals.

He then thanked everyone for attending and helping to make the meeting such a success.



The District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master, the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and distinguished guests, retired from the festive board.

With thanks to Ill.Comp. Chris Eley, P.G.Swd.B.

Retaining your marbles



Knight Robyn Murdo-Smith has been working in collaboration with E.Kt. Royston Fox (both Lullingstone Preceptory No. 155 members) who is an operative stonemason and works in marble, making and installing kitchen/bathroom ware.

In Robyn's mission is to get other folk involved in fundraising projects, he has enlisted Royston who, by cutting out the holes for the sinks for his customers, creates the excess marble from which these Knights Templar stone cubes are made.

As you will see from the picture, he also does the larger ceremony stones and a small black marble stone.

The idea is that a Knight can attach the pouch to a button at the rear of his Tunic, or with a safety pin, so that he won't mislay another stone, assuming that he returns it there after a meeting.

They will be sending out the first batch of stones this week.

The two 'ceremony' stones are spoken for. The small stones are now available in sufficient quantity to satisfy the existing 'reserve' list. The black marble stone is a special order.

Stones retail at £5 each in drawstring pouch - £2 from each purchase goes to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group.

Postage 1st Class up to four stones = £1.45.

To discuss an order, please contact Kt Robyn Murdo-Smith at robynmurdosmith@gmail.com



AAC-AFA 'Twelve O'Clock High' Banquet



2 - The 'Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse' or probably more appropriately 'The Four Just Men'!! Who are from left to right, The Grand Secretary, The CO, and Petty Officer (SCC Austin Burn, plus the Piper, Paul Burgess

On Friday, 26 August, the Commanding Officer (CO) Air Cdr. Paul D. Fitzgerald AAC, arranged and hosted the annual 'Twelve O'Clock High' Banquet in the RAF Club. Held in aid of the Red Cross of Constantine Grand Sovereign's Care For Children Fund.

During the proceedings, the CO proposed the toast to the Commanders-in-Chief, President Joseph R. Biden (USA) and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (UK). And then the RAF Representative Sqd. Ldr. John 'Jack' Gargett, proposed the American Air Corps/United States Air Force/Royal Air Force. The CO followed proposing the toast to the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Intendant-General for Middlesex, R.III.Kt. Denis D. Leigh, responded and explained how the donations raised for the Care for Children Fund are distributed.



3 - The R.III.Kt. Denis Leigh, responding to the toast to the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine

The CO subsequently presented the 'Guest of Honour' R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, the Grand Secretary, with a cheque for £1200, which had been raised via an auction, plus a raffle, which were both discharged by Bro. Dr. Miguel Godfrey, ably assisted by Bro. Joshan Ertan, and Worshipful Brothers Wayne Kraus and Gary Raggett.



4 - The Grand Secretary replying, and offering his thanks for the donation to the Grand Sovereigns 'Care For Children' Charity

The article auctioned was an exclusive bottle of Club Red from the Special Forces Club, which the CO brought specifically for auctioning at the Banquet..

A 'Mention in Dispatches' also for W.Bro. Paul Burgess, who serenaded everyone with the Bagpipes, playing Reveille on entry and The Lament in respect of the fallen followed by Auld Lange Syne at the conclusion of the proceedings.

Among other dignitaries present were, the I-G for Surrey R.C.C., R.III.Kt. Bob Hancock. the Deputy I-G, III.Kt. Andrew Sales, and the Deputy I-G of Metropolitan R.C.C., III.Kt. Eric Hampson.

The CO who is member of the RAF Club, in discharging 'The Final Salute' expressed his appreciation to everyone for attending and supporting the Banquet, which raised a substantial donation for the Grand Sovereign's Care For Children Fund and saw a record attendance of 103 booking in for the Banquet.



5 - The CO addressing the audience and expressing appreciation for the donation raised

The CO concluded by noting that the next major charity event he would be holding in the RAF Club, will be the annual 'Top Gun' Dinner, during the evening of Friday 16th December (this is held in aid of the MBF).

The CO then invited those who so desired to join him in the Club's Cowdrey Bar.

With thanks to *Air Cdr. Paul D. Fitzgerald AFA; AOG (USAF) AAC (USA) SFA (USSF), for the words, and W.Bro. Wayne Krause for the photo's*



6 - The Grand Secretary and CO with Amanda Willis and Michael Jones





7 - The Grand Secretary and CO sharing a joke with John Ellis APGM (London MMM) his wife, Rita, and George Rodger (a former Tyler in MMH)

Spotted on the Isle of Wight...

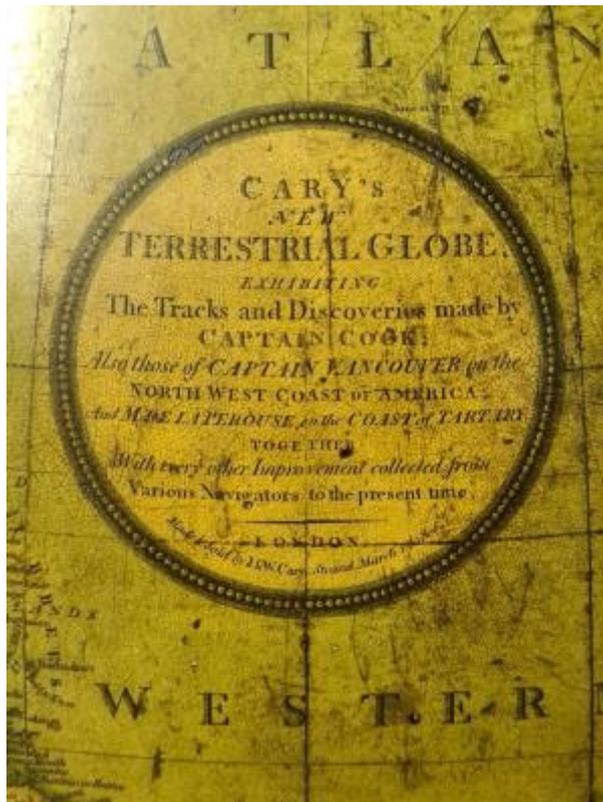


On a visit to Cowes Masonic Centre on the Isle of Wight earlier in the year, for the Consecration of Tennyson Down Scarlet Cord Consistory No. 141, one of the Grand Senatus team spotted these impressive globes, either side of the Senior Warden's chair.

The Terrestrial Globe is marked as:

Cary's New Terrestrial Globe, exhibiting the tracks and discoveries made by Captain Cook. Also those of Captain Vancouver on the North West Coast of America and M De La Perouse on the Coast of Tartary, together with every other improvement collected from various navigators to the present time.

London. Made and sold by J & W Cary, Strand, March 1806



While the Celestial Globe bears the mark:

Cary's new and improved Celestial Globe, on which is carefully laid down the whole of the stars and nebula contained in the astronomical catalogue of the Revd Mr Wollaston, F.R.S. Compiled from authorities of Flamsteed, De La Caille, Hevelius, Mayer, Bradley, Herschel, Maskelyne &c.

With an extensive number from the works of Miss Herschel

The whole adapted to the year 1800 and the limits of each constellation determined by a boundary line

London. Made and sold by J & W Cary, No. 181 Strand, Mar. 1799





While these globes are interesting, it was the name Cary that caught our photographer's attention.

Mark Masons' Hall stands at 86 St James's Street, London. There has been a building on this site since the early 1700s and in all of that history it has been, almost exclusively, home to some sort of place of recreation or relaxation; a coffee house, the Union Club, the Thatched House Club Chambers, the Civil Service Club, and, immediately prior to our current occupancy, the Constitutional Club.

However, there was one period, from 1820-1842, when the building which existed at the time, was occupied by a commercial company, G and J Cary, Mapmakers of London.

Indeed, these were the sons of the John Cary who, with his brother, William, produced the two globes above.

The [City of London website](#) tells us:

In January 1820 he lost his premises and much of his stock in a fire which began in the neighbouring house. The Times reported that 'the devouring element soon caught the dwelling of Mr Cary, the chartseller, and in a short time that building added to the melancholy grandeur of the spectacle.' Cary moved his business to the premises of his sons at 86 St James Street with whom he jointly published several maps. The first map he published after the fire was issued in July 1820, '[Cary's New Plan of London and its Vicinity](#)', a map which was still in print in the 1860s.

You can read the full article [Here](#)

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Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2022 - All Orders

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

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 16 March 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
WMM	Grand Council	Sunday, 20 April 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
SC	Grand Secretariat	Thursday, 5 May 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
KT	Grand Priory	Wednesday, 18 May 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 7 June 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
RCC	Grand Imperial Chapter	Sunday, 1 July 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MARK	Grand Lodge	Sunday, 11 September 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MMAC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 19 September 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MMI	Grand Council	Sunday, 26 October 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MMI	Grand Council	Thursday, 27 November 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
KT	Grand Priory	Sunday, 11 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00
MMI	Annual Assembly	Monday, 12 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2R 0JF	18:00-19:00	19:00-20:00	20:00-21:00	21:00-22:00	22:00-23:00

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival



155th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Harrogate Conference Centre
Kings Rd
Harrogate
HG1 5LA
Saturday, 1 July 2023



[Click Here](#) to book



Mark Emergency Relief Fund

At the meeting of Mark Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund would be donating £25,000 to the Mark Inspectorate of Romania who have been working proactively in many ways to provide support and relief to their neighbours in Ukraine.

This tremendous endeavour has touched Freemasons across the Constitution and many of our Brethren are keen to add their own support by making a donation.

We have set up a Relief Chest with the M.C.F. under the name of the **Mark Emergency Relief Fund** and you can now make donations in a variety of ways.

We know that there is enormous support for this already. To make the administration of donations as smooth as possible, enabling funds to be transferred efficiently to where they are needed most, we ask that you note the following advice regarding donations:

For individual donations of less than £100 - please make arrangements with your Mark Lodge for these to be collected centrally and then for the Lodge to make one consolidated donation into the Fund. These consolidated donations will count toward the Lodge's M.B.F. honorifics, rather than each individual.

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](#).



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](#)

The Shop@86

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

Please note: The Shop@86 is closed for the summer recess and will re-open on Monday, 22 August.



MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

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

[2023 West Yorkshire](#)

[2024 Cheshire](#)

[2025 Oxfordshire](#)

[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

[2030 Essex](#)

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.

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](#) 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.

Admin Departments @86



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

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

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