

# Freemasonry@86 News - 25 November 2022



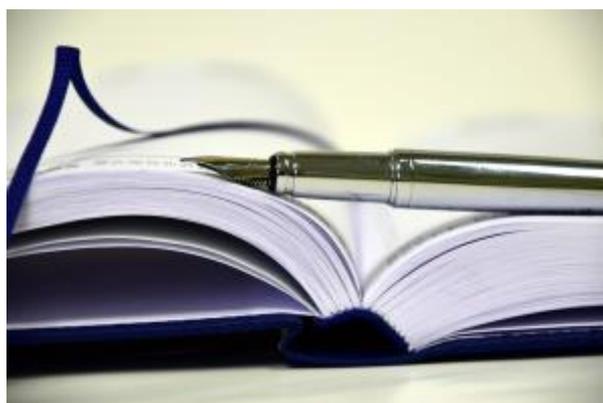
Welcome to your news and information update for the 'Companion Orders of Freemasonry' administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street.

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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 28, November - Mark** Installation of W.Bro. David Nigel Hanson, P.G.S.D., as Provincial Grand Master for Durham

**Wednesday, 30 November - Mark** Steanforde Lodge of M.M.M. No. 752 Centenary, Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford

**Saturday, 3 December - R.C.C.** RCC Installation of Ill.Kt. Nicholas St. John Middleton White, P.G.St.B.(C.), as Intendant-General for Devon and Cornwall

**Monday, 12 December - R.A.M.** Grand Assembly, Freemasons' Hall, London

## Vesey St.Christopher's Lodge Centenary

What do you call a group of D.C.s? There are many ideas, depending on your experience of the said Officers. However, there was one very special gathering of D.C.s this week in Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

Tuesday, 22 November 2022 was the date chosen by Vesey St.Christopher's Lodge of M.M.M. No. 757 to celebrate their Centenary. Originally named Vesey Lodge of M.M.M. No. 757, the Lodge successfully amalgamated with St.Christopher's Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1128 in 2016.

Vesey Lodge was Consecrated on 28 March 1922, one of 6 Mark and 6 R.A.M. Lodges Consecrated in Warwickshire in the 4 years following the Great War. Eleven of those 12 Lodges were consecrated by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Col. Zacheus Walker, but Vesey Lodge was consecrated by V.W.Bro. A.D. Hansell, Past Grand Overseer, Grand Secretary. Perhaps this was because one of the Founders was the Grand Treasurer.

At the September 2022 meeting of the lodge, Bro. Phil Hall was Installed as Master of the Lodge: a notable event for any lodge since W.Bro. Phil is Provincial Grand Master for the Craft, as well as Most Excellent Grand Superintendent of and in the Royal Arch Province of Warwickshire. Such a well-known and experienced Brother wasn't fazed at all when he was joined by R.W.Bro. Francis C. Spencer, Deputy Grand Master, and R.W.Bro. Phil Wills, Provincial Grand Master, to celebrate the Lodge's Centenary.



A splendid number of members and guests were gathered in the Lodge room to hear some of the history of the Lodge and to witness the presentation of a Centenary Warrant: members were also presented with fitting centenary jewels.

Of course the ceremonial was immaculate: how could it not be when the Deputy Grand Master had previously spent 5 years as the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Provincial Grand Master had been Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for 4 years, and the Worshipful Master had been a highly respected Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Craft.

After the Lodge was closed, the Brethren enjoyed a lively Festive Board. No-one will forget the main course of Faggot Wellington, with mushy peas and onion gravy.

*With thanks to V.W.Bro. Gareth Hughes G.M.O., Prov.G.Reg., Warwickshire*

## Installation Meeting of Adoniram Lodge of Mark Master Masons



Here we go again another great Mark Meeting to look forward to, up the same old on ramp of the M60 to be greeted by three lanes of solid traffic, sneak across to the third lane which as I've said before helps to get you over the high level bridge and past the M62 junction plus a couple of on/offers to arrive at the M61, Smart Motorway !. For the first time ever no hold ups, no road works, no 50 MPH restrictions, is there a general strike ?

Arrived at junction 5 on to A58, next it was the A6, B5236 and bingo Peel Street, pulled into the large car park and stood there for a while in the peace and quiet admiring the really nice gardens around one section of the Hall building.

I made my way inside, turned right up the stairs, down a long corridor to a robing room adjacent to the Temple being used for the meeting, it actually has doors at both ends and is first class as the pictures show.

The Meeting commenced on time, salutes were given to our Prov.G.M., R.W.Bro. Keith Alan Beardmore; the Dep.Prov.G.M., V.W.Bro. Geoff Lee; and the two A.Prov.G.M.s, W.Bro. Giles Berkley and V.W.Bro. John Bicknell. The W.M., V.W.Bro. Barry Elman, P.G.J.O., offered the gavel to Keith who on this occasion declined it.

Shortly, it was time for the Installation of V.W.Bro. Brian Davey, P.G.J.O., as W.M. of Adoniram Lodge by V.W.Bro. Barry Elman, P.G.J.O., assisted in fine style by officers of the Lodge. Once the I.P.M. was 'collared', the Board of Installed Masters was closed.

The address to the W.M. was given by V.W.Bro. Maurice Evans, address to the Wardens by W.Bro. Giles Berkley, address to the Overseers by V.W.Bro. John Bicknell, and the one we all wait for, the address to everyone present was given as usual by our very own Prov.G.M., Keith.

Just before the Lodge was closed two collarets were presented on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund to V.W.Bro. Giles Berkley, A.Prov.G.M., and Bro. Norton Fletcher. Another great meeting was over, and before finishing, I must make mention of the excellent music played during the meeting by W.Bro. Little.

On closing everyone made their way to the dining room for some liquid refreshment and lots of chat before taking up their allotted places at the Festive Board. An excellent meal was served up by the very friendly and efficient hall staff, with plenty of laughter around the tables during the meal, and then the usual toasts and responses were given before everyone said their goodbyes giving the genuine handshakes I always mention. Some were actually going on to another meeting at Clevellys, but unfortunately, I couldn't go as I had to make my way home to Urmston, yet another Doctors appointment, but what a great day that was "The Magic of the Mark"

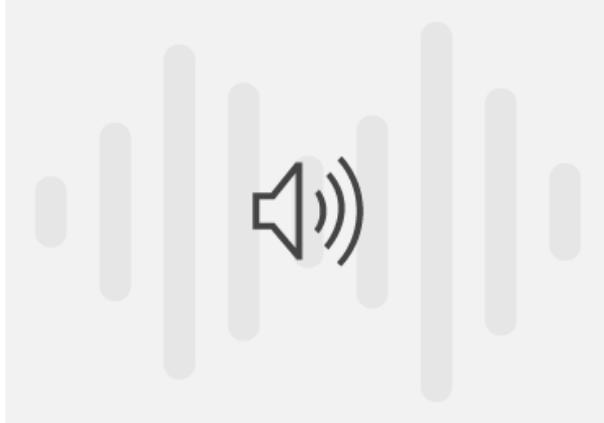
Here's to my next Mark/Royal Ark Mariner meeting to see old friends and those I have yet to meet, if you're not a member already and a Master Mason come along and join us, you won't be disappointed. I never am, why, because it certainly is the friendly degree.

*With thanks to W.Bro. Austin N Fletcher, P.G.J.D.*





## Essex turn the spotlight on the Magnificent Mariner



<https://sway.office.com/dVvrZ6qpc3AwPkbH#content=yF2ouCU0TD8fzu>

The Mark Province of Essex has just released this five-minute Podcast looking at the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner, which you can listen to using the link to the audio file above.

## Farewell to Timothy John Lewis



On Tuesday of this week Brethren representing the Orders of the Knights Templar and Allied Masonic Degrees, and staff from Mark Masons' Hall, gathered at St James's Church, Piccadilly, to celebrate the life of Timothy John Lewis, Past Grand Master of both Orders and Past Grand Secretary at Mark Masons' Hall, among other impressive Masonic achievements.

The memorial service was also attend by Tim's widow, son, family and friends, who joined us afterwards for an afternoon tea at Mark Masons' Hall, where memories and anecdotes were shared and exchanged in fond recollection of a man who left an indelible mark on our Orders.



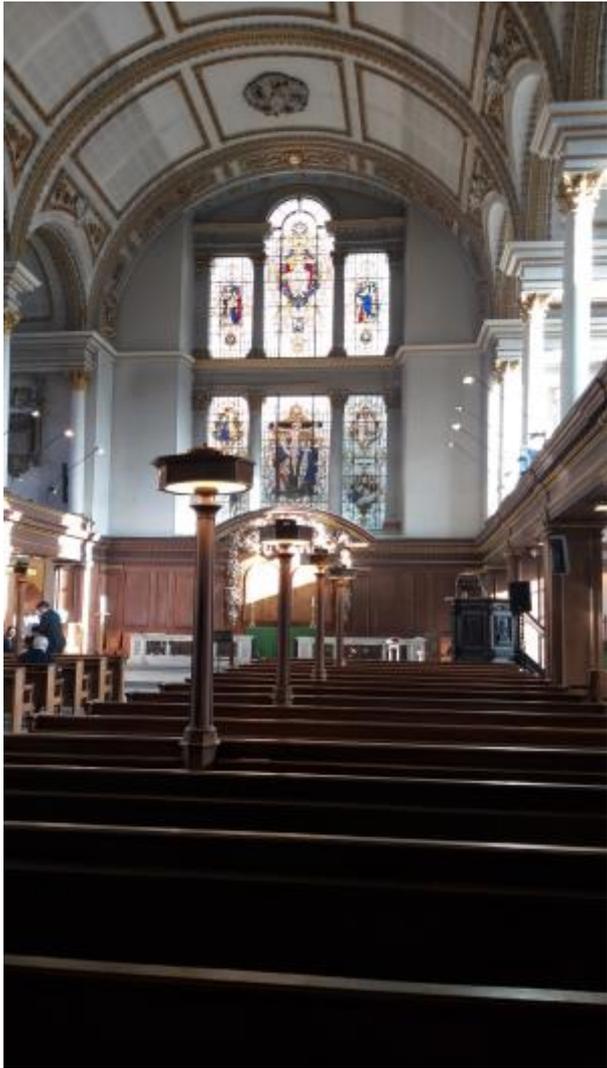
*Timothy John Lewis*

*4 October 1943 – 14 May 2022*



*Memorial Service*

*St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, W1J 9LL,  
Tuesday, 22 November 2022  
at 12 noon*













## Knights Templar visit to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital



The M.E. & S. Grand Master, Paul Raymond Clement, G.C.T., was accompanied by Mrs Molly Clement; the Great Vice Chancellor, R.E.Kt. Ryan Williams, K.C.T.; and M.M.H. Charities Finance Manager, Linda Read on a visit to the Eye Hospital in late October.

E.Kt. Jamie Ingham Clark, Dep.Gt.Swd.B., a trustee of the Eye Hospital, was pleased to be able join them and escort them on their visit. Not only were they all able to see how the hospital is providing

outreach services in the increasing complicated political environment but they were also able to visit sites important to us as Christians and the Wailing Wall, equally important to us as Masons.



For Outreach we visited the Hebron Hospital in the South of the occupied territories, which had been opened in 2016 with considerable funding coming from the K.T. It was useful to see how that unit had established itself in the area and is now able to provide additional surgical services to reflect the difficulty for patients to travel into Jerusalem. On our return we were able to visit the Church of the Nativity and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As we were in the ancient walled City of Jerusalem we were also able to visit the Muristan containing the Tree of Hope, the site of the original medieval hospital as well as the West Wall of the Temple also known as the Wailing Wall. The word Muristan is Persian and Stan refers to place (as in the number of countries ending in Stan) whilst the first half refers to the sick, the whole word meaning the place of the sick. 2023 will mark the first millennium of that site being used as a hospital. Also when there we climbed a spiral staircase to the roof and saw over the parapet the Golden Dome of the Temple Mount. A real conjunction in my mind of the connections of our two orders.



The next day the visitors were giving a briefing by the senior management team as to progress in their areas of responsibility and were briefed on the new three year strategic plan by the CEO Dr Ahmad Ma'ali. There followed a tour of the hospital, including the new Laser treatment centre also funded by the K.T. Because of the equipment, it is the coolest place in the hospital –even in the height of summer. This is a vital facility as it allows the Hospital to do some private work which makes a small contribution to our funds.

The key takeaway by the touring party was how much had improved since the last visit they made and they wish to congratulate all involved with the Hospital for their continued hard work to seek to eradicate preventable blindness in the Holy Land.

*With thanks to E.Kt. Jamie Ingham Clark, Dep.Gt.Swd.B.*





## A Celebration of Allied Masonry in London



On Saturday 19 November, R W Bro Colin Woodcock *MBE* held his District annual meeting at Mark Masons' Hall. There were almost 100 in attendance - with some coming from as far away as Lancashire and even Luton!

There was a terrific atmosphere in the Grand Temple, with plenty of laughter and camaraderie, and the District Grand Prefect updated those present on the year's successes and social events - and kept the meeting duration to just 62 minutes. After that it was off for drinks before a delicious luncheon where the District Grand Prefect for Surrey, R W Bro John French, was given a cake to mark his birthday. Then it was back to the bar for more conviviality - the hallmark of London Allied Masonry.

Photos from the meeting and Colin's Address can be found [here](#).

*Words courtesy of W. Bro. Richard Criddle, A. Dist. G. Sec. and photos courtesy of Bro. Steve Roberts Dist. G. Stwd.*

## Warwickshire Annual District Meeting, with a Demonstration, goes off with a Bang



The annual meeting of Warwickshire District of Royal and Select Masters took place on Saturday, 5 November, launched with a symbolic bang on Bonfire Night by our District Grand Master R.III.Comp. Peter Wellings.

A very well attended meeting welcomed eleven District Grand Masters and members of seventeen Districts to the Rugby Masonic Hall, to be refreshed with coffee and bacon baps.

After a eulogy to our late Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, and to our departed Companions, the meeting continued with the Dist.G.M.'s welcome to the distinguished guests and regular District business.

The re-appointment followed of the Deputy District Grand Master, III.Comp. Paul Harrison, and the District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, III.Comp. Chris Rogers. Newly appointed and re-appointed Officers and promotions were then announced and invested. A number of Silver trowel certificates were also presented to recently qualified Companions.

In his address to the meeting, the District Grand Master explained that he had enjoyed his first year in office immensely, with visits to numerous Districts across the country. He again thanked those who had come from far and wide to support him. He explained how pleased he was with his team of Officers, not only for their support on so many occasions, but for the setting up of the District Support Team, the Ambassador Recruitment Scheme, the District Relief Chest and other initiatives including our District Grand Lecturer's creation of presentations for Councils.

He also mentioned the District website, which is being filled with articles as and when Councils meet.

Then for something completely different. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies, III.Comp. Peter Stokes, stepped forward to set up a demonstration of the Super-Excellent Master Ceremony, as interpreted by Warwickshire District.

With Peter Stokes acting as Gedaliah, recently admitted Comp Keith Watkins entered as the Candidate, conducted by Captain of the Guard, III.Comp. Neil Watkin.

At the point in the ceremony where a shape is formed, twelve selected members came forward to prearranged positions, and ultimately formed a figure around the Ark of the Covenant. When the names of the twelve tribes were recited, each of the Companions carefully displayed a concealed banner for each of the twelve tribes forming the sides of the square, which are presented for the Candidate to view. Once the triangle is formed, the banners are again concealed. The ceremony was completed with the traditional address of the Degree, presented immaculately by III.Comp. Paul Mason, T.I.M. of Edgbaston Council No. 285.

This was an unexpected addition to the annual meeting, and was greatly appreciated by all present. The Dist.G.M. thanked all concerned with the demonstration, and made special mention of the efforts of those who had arranged the meeting and the after proceedings.



*1 - District Meeting closed, the retirement procession commences*

The collection at the meeting realised £466.50 to which gift aid will be added, for the benefit of the Warwickshire 2023 Festival for the Masonic Charitable Foundation.



This concluded the meeting, and after the formal closing, and a rousing rendition of the National Anthem, the assembled gathering retired to a splendid festive board in the spacious Rugby dining room. The meeting finished on time, and all departed for home after a very happy gathering.





2 - To the left, R.Ill.Comp. Richard Wallis, with Paul Harrison, Dep.Dist.G.M.; Peter Wellings, Dist.G.M.; and Chris Rogers, Dist.G.P.C.W.



Next year's Annual District Meeting will take place on Saturday, 4 November 2023, and the traditional District Sunday Lunch will be held on 24 September 2023.

*Article by Ill.Comp. John Hayward, Photographs by Comp David Leask*

## Carreg yr Wyddfa one year on



Carreg yr Wyddfa Conclave No 633 held their first Installation meeting at Bangor Masonic Hall on Thursday, 17 November.

It is just a year since this daytime Conclave was consecrated, and in the two intervening meetings has brought in five new members.

The Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Martin Wynne Jones, opened the meeting and then greeted R.Wy.Bro. Tony Stringer, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler.

Because this was the first meeting since September a Memorial was held for HM Queen Elizabeth II, all the members stood in a mark of respect.

With all the domestic business and salutations complete, it was time for the main event, the Installation of the Supreme Ruler.

Wy.Bro. Martin Wynne Jones had been regularly elected to remain in office and so it was going to be a proclamation ceremony, which was performed by the Conclave D.C., Wy.Bro. Paul Burton, Dep.Prov.G.S.R.

Wy.Bro. Burton carried out an excellent ceremony.



3 - Dave Topp, Prov.Dep.G.D.C.; Walter Yule, P.G.G.; Tony Stringer, Prov.G.S.R.; Alan Harrison, Prov.G.Rec.; Martin Wynne Jones, S.R.; John Thomson, I.P.S.R.; Paul Burton, Dep.Prov.G.S.R.

During the appointment of Officers, Wy.Bro. Paul Burton relinquished his position as D.C. and took his rightful place to the right of R.Wy.Bro. Tony Stringer.

The newly appointed D.C., Wy.Bro. Derek Gaskell, completed the appointment of Officers and then delivered the Address to the Supreme Ruler.

It was now up to Wy.Bro. Paul Burton to crown his excellent Installation ceremony with an equally impressive explanation of the weapons, without breaking the bow!

With the Installation ceremony over, the Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler congratulated all concerned and adding that it was nice to see that four of the new members had taken office within the Conclave.

The Supreme Ruler, Wy.Bro. Martin Wynne Jones, already has a Princes degree to conduct at the next meeting with one Joining Member, and it is anticipated that there will be new members for the following meeting.

After the close, an excellent buffet lunch was shared by those present.

We wish Carreg yr Wyddfa Conclave No 633 a happy and successful second year and a bright future.

*Words and pictures Derek Gaskell*



4 - Members and Guests at Carreg yr Wyddfa first Installation.

## Consecration of the 1st Monmouthshire Consistory



Wednesday saw the Consecration of the 1st Monmouthshire Consistory in Castleton. The Masonic Hall is a former Chapel and a painting in one of the rooms shows its derelict state before it was bought and transformed into the appealing Masonic building it is now.

However, no amount of modern improvements could drown out the noise of the rain as it beat down heavily on the vaulted temple roof. But that didn't dampen the spirits of the Companions within and the ceremony, performed by the Most Distinguished Grand Summus, Ian Stanley Currans, assisted by the Deputy Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Frank Spencer, and the Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard Markham.

As its name suggests, this Consistory is the first in the Monmouthshire part of the Province of South Wales and Monmouthshire and the Grand Summus was quick to point out (after teasing the founders that 1st Monmouthshire sounded like a bus operator) that he had warmed to the name as it suggested, to him at least, that this was the first of, possibly, many.

There could be no doubt about the enthusiasm of the Founders as all bar one of the 19 Petitioners were present to take part in the ceremony and, having been put through their paces by the G.D.C.

Phillip Purves, and Dep.G.D.C., Chris Davies, they performed their floor work with great ceremonial precision and unity.

Despite the inclement weather a bountiful lunch of fresh fruit, cold meats, salad and cheese was served up and happily enjoyed by the Companions in the buzz of convivial Scarlet Cord conversation.

At the conclusion of proceedings, the Primus President Dist.Comp. Robert John Tanswell, and the Consistory Recorder, Dist.Comp. Hugh Bennett, having heard of the Grand Summus' impending move to Scotland and his fondness for whisky, presented him with a beautifully engraved decanter and, to ensure they got in before the Scots, a bottle of Penderyn 'Bryn Terfel' Welsh Whisky.

The Companions of the Consistory were also keen to pay tribute to R.Dist.Comp. Keith Ferguson, Provincial Grand Summus who, following his appointment as Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler in the O.S.M., will be standing down from his Scarlet Cord duties in the new year. They not only presented Keith with a decanter and bottle of whisky, but also a cheque for £500 for his beloved Mumbles Lifeboat Station.

This rounded off what had been a thoroughly enjoyable meeting. We wish the 1st Monmouthshire Consistory every success for the future.

*Pictures by Martyn Greene*



## **A Durham and Northumberland Scarlet Cord Extravaganza**

On Saturday, 19 November 2022, the Provincial Grand Senatus of Durham's Annual Meeting was held in Gateshead. Although the expected attendance of 90 Companions was reduced with several of our members from Scotland unable to travel due to cancellation of trains following extensive flooding, we still had a wonderful turn out of 60 Provincial members and 18 guests.

The Meeting started in silent tribute in remembrance of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and a memoriam to 5 Companions called to Higher Service since our last AGM in November 2021, in a very dignified manner, with prayers from the Provincial Episcopal T. W. David Railson.

After a friendly introduction of our Distinguished Visitors by our Provincial Grand Summus, Michael A. Jacques, he also acknowledged the presence of 3 Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers from the OSM Provinces of Durham, Northumberland, and East Scotland; and other Heads of Orders, including the recently appointed Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Prof. Denovan K. Wilson.



*5 - 7 visiting Provincial Grand Summi*



*6 - Other Distinguished visitors*



*7 - Provincial Rulers*

Following usual administrative matters including minutes, accounts, and the re-election of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Mark J. Gilpin, the Provincial Summus re-appointed his Deputy, Gary Douglas Taylor.

The Provincial Grand Summus then thanked Colin Hume for 4 years distinguished service as Assistant Provincial Grand Summus which he had carried out in an exemplary manner befitting of such a dedicated Freemason.



*8 - Retiring A.Prov.G.S., Colin Hume*

The new Assistant Provincial Grand Summus, Morgan McDonald, O.S.M. Prov.G.S.R. for East Scotland, then entered in procession and was Obligated, Invested, Installed and, after Proclamation by the Deputy Provincial G.D.C., Peter Layton, was saluted by members of the Province.

The Officers appointed to assist the running of the Province for the ensuing year were then invested by the Provincial Grand Summus, who also promoted Martyn W. Greene to Past Provincial Grand Chancellor; T Gordon Mitchell and T Ewan Notman to Past Provincial Grand Registrar and S. Jim Neil to Past Provincial Grand Lecturer.

The Provincial Grand Summus then Addressed the meeting and gave thanks to all for attending, especially those that had travelled great distances in such inclement weather. Special thanks were given to the administration team led by John D. Watts, Prov.G.Rec., and the ceremonial team led by Prov.G.D.C., Peter J. Ronan, paying especial tribute to the retiring Prov.Dep.G.D.C., Peter Layton, and Prov.A.G.D.C., Bill Chrystal, and for wonderful fanfares and music provided by Prov.G.Org., Clive Warham.

After the meeting 70 Companions repaired to a fine festive board where chef, Neil, and his catering team, had risen to the challenge of providing a Durham & Northumberland theme by dressing the tables in blue and yellow (the county colours of Durham), red and yellow (the county colours of Northumberland) and serving a 4-course banquet including Northumberland Broth and Durham Trifle (blue jelly, yellow custard).

Those involved in the planning and execution of this meeting were delighted to receive this message from one of our guests the following morning:

“A note to thank all of you for your warm welcome and hospitality yesterday, which was really very much appreciated. Please permit me to add that the meeting itself was as well organised and performed as any I have attended in the last 15 years or so as a Provincial Officer - in any Order. The preparation was meticulous; any late changes, and we know the weather caused many, were dealt with seamlessly, and the whole proceedings were efficiently carried out with a warmth, caring and pleasant light humour rarely experienced in such quality and quantity. It was a real pleasure to be part of it.”



9 - Durham Trifle!



10 - The Provincial Officers



*11 - Provincial Grand Guarder*



*12 - Provincial Tzaddekim*



*13 - Prov.G.Rec. & Prov.G.Treas.*



*14 - Prov.G.D.C. & Prov.Dep.G.Rec.*

## **The Armament Ceremony of a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City**



An Emergency Meeting of the Prefectory of St George at London No. 1 in the Grand Priory of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Rite of England and Wales was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, 18 of November 2022.



The Prefecture was opened by the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., who welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.



The meeting was called to conduct the Armament Ceremony of a Knight Beneficent of the Holy City and to commission as Knights 14 qualified Squire Novices.



The Representative Candidate was Squire Novice Tim Wheeler, the Great Marshal in the Knights Templar.



The ceremony was conducted in a very personal manner by the M.E. & Revd Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Mareschal, R.Revd.Kt. Paul Clement, and the Deputy Grand Mareschal, Revd.Kt. Kelvin Gane.



Afterwards, the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master, Dr Vivian Thomas, G.C.H.C., and his team posed for a photograph with the new Reverend Knights.



Congratulations to my old friends David and Tim on becoming Knights Beneficent of the Holy City.



It was a truly memorable and enjoyable day, made even more enjoyable when we retired from the Temple to see that Linda and her team had put up a magnificent Christmas tree in the foyer.

*Article and photos by Chris Eley*





## 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 Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent a Masonic Club or Society linked to our Orders, please send us an invite to join or follow you.

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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	Refreshment Time	Refreshment Starts	Refreshment Ends	Opening Time	Closing Time
MMARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 8 March 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMAM	Grand Congress	Tuesday, 22 April 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	6:00 PM
SC	Grand Sanctus	Thursday, 5 May 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, WC1R 3LR	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:30 PM
KT	Grand Priory	Wednesday, 18 May 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM
MMARK	Grand Lodge	Thursday, 7 June 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	6:00 PM
RCC	Grand Lodge	Thursday, 1 July 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMARK	Grand Lodge	Thursday, 11 September 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM
MMHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 19 September 2022	Mark Masons' Hall, London, WC1R 3LR	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
MMND	Grand Congress	Tuesday, 24 October 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
MMAM	Grand Congress	Thursday, 10 November 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	12:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
KT	Grand Priory	Tuesday, 15 November 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	10:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	6:00 PM
MMAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 22 December 2022	Mark's Great Queen Street, London, WC2A 0GQ	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time



## Booking now for the West Yorkshire 2023 MBF Festival



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

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

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

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

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

**Donations of £100 or more may be made by individuals directly into the fund** and will count towards the Brother's M.B.F. Honorifics

In all correspondence please ensure you are donating to:

**Mark Emergency Relief Fund**

Relief Chest No.: **MMM185622**

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## MBF Festival Stewardship Jewels

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

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[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.

And, we are delighted to announce that we are taking pre-orders for the 2029 Festival Stewardship Jewel for Durham which will be available for delivery shortly.

The form is available to download [Here](#)

















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.

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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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