

Freemasonry@86 News - 17 February 2023



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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.

Saturday, 18 February - A.M.D. Installation of W.Bro. Brian Alan Ward, P.G.St.B., as District Grand Prefect for Kent

Wednesday, 1 March - S.C. Consecration of Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No. 100, Province of West Lancashire

Saturday, 4 March - S.C. Installation of R.Dist.Comp. Richard Charles William Batchelor, P.G.Vice Chan., as Provincial Grand Summus for Hampshire, Isle of Wight and The Channel Islands

Tuesday, 7 March - Mark Communication of Mark Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall

Friday, 10 March - Mark Mercury Lodge of M.M.M. No. 777 Centenary, Province of Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Wednesday, 15 March - A.M.D. Consecration of The Dedham Vale Council No. 284, Province of East Anglia

Saturday, 18 March - Mark Installation of V.W.Bro. John Vaughan Christopher French, P.G.J.O., as Provincial Grand Master for Surrey

Monday, 20 March - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. William George McColl, P.A.G.D.C., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for Suffolk

Saturday 25 March - O.S.M. & S.C. Installation of Wy.Bro./V.Dist.Comp. Allun David Jones, P.A.G.D.C./P.G.Reg., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler and Provincial Grand Summus for South Wales and Monmouthshire

Tuesday, 18 April - R.S.M. Annual Assembly of Grand Council (Business Meeting Only) **Mark Masons' Hall**

Tuesday, 3 October - R.S.M. Celebratory meeting of the Sesquicentenary of Grand Council, Freemasons' Hall

Additional support for earthquake rescue efforts



Further to last week's announcement that the MBF had made an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the Türkiye/Syria earthquakes rescue efforts, we have been inundated with requests to make it possible for Brethren, Lodges and Provinces to make donations to directly support the work of our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity.

It has been agreed that we will accept donations in to our MCF Relief Chest.

The donations will be channelled through our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity reg no. 1096479 and will also count towards MBF honorifics.

Donations for Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and Northern Syria should be sent using the following details:

MARK EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

MMM 185622

For Individual donations - Please add your **Surname** and the reference **Turkiye**

For Lodge donations – use the **Order** with **Lodge number** and the reference **Turkiye**

For Provincial donations – use the **Order** with **Province** and the reference **Turkiye**

To make a donation you can

- **use the QR Code below**
- [Click Here](#) to go to the donation page
- [Click Here](#) to download a Credit/Debit Card donation Form
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Please share with your Brethren and if you have any queries or concerns please contact the Charities Department at Mark Masons' Hall.

We thank you all for your generosity.

You can find out more by [Clicking Here](#) to read the latest ShelterBox update and there is additional info in the images below.

You can visit ShelterBox on their various media outlets:

<https://shelterbox.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ShelterBox>

[ShelterBox](#)



£50,000 donated to ShelterBox

On Monday, 6 February 2023 a series of powerful earthquakes devastated southern Türkiye (formerly Turkey) and northern Syria. The Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund were quick to act and by the close of business on Tuesday 7, had approved an emergency grant of £50,000 to help with the rescue efforts in association with our trusted partners at the ShelterBox charity. The charity is sending an emergency response team to carry out crucial assessments and establish how best their help can be deployed. Their international assessment team will arrive in Türkiye in a few days and will be liaising with contacts on the ground to establish how best to proceed.

The humanitarian need in Türkiye and Syria is immense and growing – it is the most devastating earthquake to hit the region in 100 years and could become the worst. The death toll is likely to rise significantly, and thousands of buildings have been destroyed in both countries leaving people homeless, with nowhere to sleep, in the middle of a bitter winter.

ShelterBox provides different combinations of emergency shelter aid and essential household items during its responses depending on what is needed. This could be sending tents and shelter kits, stoves, thermal blankets and clothing to keep people warm through the freezing winter nights. It could be cash to help people buy what they need to survive. Or it could be solar lights that help people when there is no electricity. Getting aid into countries and on to where it's needed after a disaster of this scale presents huge challenges especially with damage to infrastructure and supply routes. That's why ShelterBox strategically pre-positions aid around the world, including in Syria.

This donation of £50,000 from the Mark Benevolent Fund will allow ShelterBox to act quickly, adapting how they work to best support people affected by the earthquakes and allowing them to tailor aid packages to what is needed. There are currently no plans to set up a central fund from Mark Masons' Hall.

This is what the grant will be used for by the ShelterBox charity (information taken from the ShelterBox website):

SHELTERBOX TENT - £350

When disaster strikes, families need shelter to feel safe again. When they can't start rebuilding their homes immediately, durable tents can make them feel safe and protected. Depending on the weather and the place, the shelter needs of families differ. That's why we're committed to providing families with the best possible solutions that suit their needs. From padded tents that can safely accommodate a stove, to medium-sized tents that fit in small spaces and ones that can last years if needed, families can feel at home again.



SHELTER KITS - £60

We provide shelter kits which include a selection of hardwareing tools and materials that are customised to suit the needs of each community.

The tools and materials we send provide the essentials families need to start rebuilding homes straight away, ranging from tough tarpaulin and timber to corrugated sheeting and even room dividers.

The versatile tools we provide help with everything from clearing rubble to building shelters and even tending crops. Our tools can also be used to build furniture, cut firewood and make repairs.



BLANKETS - £7

Blankets, groundsheet and mattresses not only provide vital warmth, but comfort too when families are recovering from disaster. These simple items can be used in a variety of ways, from bedding to room dividers, and help turn a shelter into a home.



SOLAR LIGHTS - £11

Our solar lights can last up to 24 hours on just one charge on the lowest setting. They are lightweight and waterproof, making them easy to carry in any situation. Because they are so safe, cheap and easy to use, families use solar lights in different ways – for work, education, family activities, or simply moving around at night.

They are more than just light – they can provide comfort and allow families to regain their livelihoods.



Find out more about the work of ShelterBox



<https://shelterbox.org/>



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Organ dedication at Mark Masons' Hall

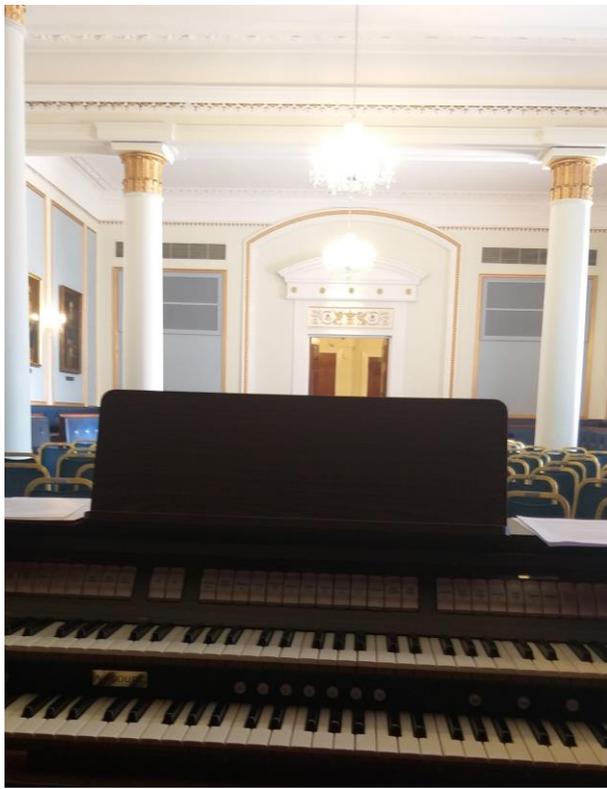


A gathering was held in the Grand Temple at Mark Masons' Hall last Friday for the dedication of an organ for the building which previously belonged to R.W.Bro. John Brackley, P.G.S.W., Grand Secretary at M.M.H. from 2005-2013. Sadly John passed to the Grand Lodge above in January 2021 but it was nice that John's wife Mary, and their son James and daughter Katherine, were able to attend the dedication ceremony which was led by R.W.Bro. Rev. Bruce Harry, P.G.J.W., a Past Grand Chaplain of the Mark. The Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Prizeman, and the Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. Ryan Williams, *OStJ*, P.G.J.W., gave the readings.

Following the dedication we were treated to a recital of organ music by the Grand Organist, V.W.Bro. Mario Rizzardi, P.G.J.O., who played a selection of well-known and up tempo tunes with his usual enthusiasm, giving entertaining introductions to each piece of music.

The organ will now be placed in the Brazil Temple, a fitting home as this is where many of the Masonic units of which John was Secretary will hold their meetings.





Dedication of an Organ for the
Brazil Temple at Mark Masons' Hall



In remembrance of
R.W. Bro. John Brackley, P.G.S.W.
Grand Secretary 2005–2013

86 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL
Friday, 10 February 2023, at 11:30 a.m.





All shook up in Abergavenny



Brother Keith Davies, an officer of St John's Lodge of M.M.M. No. 214, Abergavenny, recently performed as Elvis and raised £3000 for local charities. The Brethren of the Lodge are extremely proud of his fundraising over many years.

With thanks to Kevin Kelly





With a little help from their Surrey friends



On Friday, 10 February a small team of Mark Masons from Surrey ventured into London to assist our Provincial Grand Master and our Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master with a couple of ceremonies at their London Lodge. Commemoration Lodge No. 1091 meets in a unique venue, Mumbai Square, an Indian Restaurant in E.1.

The afternoon started with a Royal Ark Mariner meeting. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, W.Bro. Phil Young, who welcomed everyone, especially the guests who had come along to assist the Lodge.

The main item on the agenda was to Elevate Bro. Rick Beets, a member of Commemoration Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The ceremony was conducted in a fine manner by the Worshipful Commander and his Officers. The signs were explained by W.Bro. Mik Barnes, W.Bro. Terry Carpenter was the Junior Deacon, and W.Bro. Chris Eley was the Guardian.



The Lodge was then closed, and the customary photograph taken.



The Temple was re-arranged for the Mark meeting to follow. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Phil Young, and R.W.Bro. Ian Clark was invited to present Grand Lodge Certificates to Bros. Adam Strange and Rick Beets, which he did in a very informative way.



The Worshipful Master invited R.W.Bro. Ian Clark to take the Chair and install V.W.Bro. Mik Barnes as Worshipful Master. V.W.Bro. Mik was presented to the installing Master by the acting Director of Ceremonies, V.W.Bro. Chris Eley. He recited his Obligation, was invested, and installed in the Chair of Commemoration Mark Lodge by R.W.Bro. Ian.



The Address to the Master was given by V.W.Bro. Chris Eley, to the Wardens and Brethren by R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, and to the Overseers by W.Bro. Terry Carpenter.

V.W.Bro. Mik thanked the Surrey delegation for their assistance on his special day, 33 years since he first went into the Chair of a Mark Lodge. W.Bro. Phil Young was the Worshipful Master; R.W.Bro. Ian Clark was the Installing Master; W.Bro. Harry Smith was the Junior Warden; V.W.Bro. Chris Eley acted as Chaplain and Director of Ceremonies; W.Bro. Terry Carpenter acted as Senior Deacon; W.Bro. Robert Short acted as Junior Deacon; and W.Bro. Paul Wicking acted as Inner Guard.



The Lodge then voted to make W.Bro. Roy Cottrell an Honorary Member in recognition of all he has done for the Lodge for many years. W.Bro. Roy was congratulated by V.W.Bro. Mik.



The Lodge was closed, and we all gathered together for the group photograph.



We then made our way to the bar for a few Cobra beers...



before going up to the dining room for a curry meal together.





The Toast to the Visiting Brethren was given by W.Bro. Harry Smith. The last time Harry gave a toast he was told by the Worshipful Master to keep it to 4 to 5 minutes. Harry misheard him and spoke for 45 minutes.



Under much pressure this time, Harry managed to keep it to 2 minutes 43.45 seconds – is this a new record?

Article and photos by Chris Eley

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Reset



Start

Lap 1

02:43.45

World Clock

Alarm

Stopwatch

Timer

Change at the top for the Red Cross of Constantine in Northumberland



Saturday, 11 February saw Byker Masonic Hall host the Installation of the new Intendant-General for the Division of Northumberland of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist.

In excess of 120 members, from across the Division, as well the country, witnessed a team of Grand Officers and the Grand Sepulchre Guard from Grand Imperial Conclave, led by M.III.Kt. Graham Flight, G.C.C., Grand Sovereign, and R.III. & Em.Kt. Christopher John Macdonald G.C.C., Deputy Grand Sovereign, Install R.III.Kt. Trevor Fish as the new Head of the Order in Northumberland.

In addition to the entourage from Grand Imperial Conclave, Trevor was supported by ten other Intendants-General from around the country, in the form of R.III.Kt. Michael Baptist from Cheshire; R.III.Kt. Keith Beaumont from Cumbria; R.III.Kt. Dr. Alan Beckerton from Derbyshire; R.III.Kt. Robin Knight from Durham; R.III.Kt. Stephen Roberts from Lincolnshire; R.III.Kt. Stephen Bolton from North & East Lancashire; R.III.Kt. David J. Roach from North & East Yorkshire; R.III.Kt. Ralph Hitchin of Nottinghamshire; R.III.Kt. Alan John Baverstock of Thames; and R.III.Kt. Graham Williams of West Lancashire.

Not to be outdone, numerous Heads of Orders from the Province of Northumberland were also in attendance to lend their support, and help celebrate the day, in the guise of Kevin Stannard, the Provincial Prior for the Knights Templar and Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Craft; Ray Walton, the Provincial Grand Master for the Mark; John Harvey, the District Grand Master for the Royal & Select Masters; Stephen Read, the Inspector General for the Rose Croix; John Warham, the Provincial Grand Master for the Royal Order of Scotland; Michael Jacques, the Provincial Grand Summus for the Scarlet Cord; and Bill Malcolm, the Deputy Grand Master Mason and Senior Passed Master in the Operatives.

Trevor explained "For many of the Knights of Northumberland this morning's ceremony will be the first Installation of an Intendant-General they've seen, for others it will be their first opportunity to witness the excellent work of the officers of Grand Imperial Conclave, our thanks to you and the

Officers of Grand Imperial Conclave who took part and made this a memorable occasion for the division of Northumberland.

The direction and guidance of the Grand Marshal and his Deputies is very much appreciated and of course the Knights of the Grand Sepulchre Guard enhance any ceremony, our thanks also to the Grand Organist, music really brings a ceremony to life.”

A donation was made to the Grand Sovereigns Care for Children Fund and a gift to the Grand Sovereign of a landscape painting by Northumberland Mason Michael Scott showing Dunstanburgh Castle was well received as was the accompanying Alnwick Gin.

Congratulations to Trevor from everyone at Northumberland Freemasons on his well-deserved preferment and we wish you well for your term in office.

With thanks to Nick Deakin



Bernard Morley Conclave No. 340



Also on Saturday, 11 February 2023, the Intendant-General for Essex R.III.Kt. John Railton Simons with the Deputy Intendant-General, Illustrious Knight Stephen Neville, OBE, visited Bernard Morley Conclave No. 340 which meets in Harlow, Essex to greet the Conclaves latest Installed Knight. They are pictured above with the Officers of the Conclave bidding a hearty welcome to Worthy Knight Kieran Buckley and handing over his Red Cross Certificate which had been presented to him earlier during the Conclave Meeting.

During the morning Conclave Meeting Knights participated in a rehearsal of the Installation of a Knight they had shown their high regard for the Red Cross of Constantine Ritual; their presentation being of a well-polished standard.

The Division of Essex continues to revel in the way, following the dark days of the pandemic, in which Conclaves and Worthy Knights are once again entering not only into the "presentation" but also the "spirit" of our unique Red Cross of Constantine Ritual.

With thanks to R.III.Knight, John R. Simons, Int.-Gen.

R.S.M. Sesquicentenary Lapel Pin Competition



Last year a competition was launched to seek a design for a Lapel Pin which would be used to mark the Sesquicentenary (150th Anniversary) of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

After the closing date, the planning committee were able to short-list three designs from the many that were submitted. Each had very different and attractive qualities and the committee were impressed by the variety and ingenuity of the designs.

After further deliberation they settled on the design which will now become the lapel pin for the celebrations.

The design chosen was created by Ill.Comp. Sam Sammakia of the District of East Midlands. We are keeping the design under wraps for the time being, ready for the Grand Master to reveal it in April.

The Lapel Pin will then be struck and be made available to all those who attend the celebratory meeting of Grand Council on Tuesday, 3 October 2023, and going on sale thereafter.

Our warmest congratulations go to Sam on having this design selected to represent the Sesquicentenary of our Order.

And we offer our sincere thanks to all those who submitted designs, for their efforts in coming up with such an array of interesting ideas.

Cord in the USA!



Not quite the lyrics of Bruce Springsteen's anthemic hit but last week saw a visit by a team from the Grand Senatus of the Scarlet Cord to the A.M.D. Masonic Week in Arlington, Virginia, to confer the 6th Grade of the Scarlet Cord.

There were 20 candidates, all Past Sovereign Grand Masters of the A.M.D. USA, or those in line for that office in the next few years. In the States the Scarlet Cord is worked under the Allied Masonic Degrees.

Those travelling from our Grand Senatus were:

The Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian Currans; Andrew Sweeney; Frank Spencer; Howard Markham; Phillip Purves; Charles Aspinell; and Llewellyn Gill.

The team were assisted by Aaron Shoemaker and Kevin Sample, who received the Grade in London last year.

Someone from the team suggested the caption for the Lincoln picture below should be "five great leaders"????



MBF presents new bike to Greater Manchester Blood Bikes



On Tuesday, 14 February, at Salford Masonic Hall, Manchester, representatives from three neighbouring Provinces joined together to hand over a new Blood Bike to the volunteers of the Greater Manchester Blood Bikes who provide a very worthwhile service to the nation. This was a replacement for one of the volunteer bikes that was severely vandalised in summer 2022 and cost £18,801 donated by the MBF.

East Lancashire was represented by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John H Smith, who was joined by V.W.Bro. David H Thompson, P.G.J.O., A.Prov.G.M., and members of the Secretariat who had helped arrange the event.

R.W.Bro. Gary R Horstman, Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Cheshire, and V.W.Bro. Ian D Nairn, P.G.J.O., were joined by V.W.Bro. Michael Clarke, P.G.J.O. in representing West Lancashire. The Mark Benevolent Fund was represented by W.Bro. Darren Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D.

The Blood Bikes Organisation was represented by Alice Burton - Deputy Manager, Ric Clark - Fleet Manager, Rob Murphy - Trustee, Steve Bellamy - Volunteer Rider and Ian O'Neill who doubles as Trustee and treasurer.

There are 36 member groups throughout the country with almost 4500 volunteer riders delivering blood, platelets, samples, surgical instruments, human donor milk and many other clinical products across the UK and Ireland. All the member groups are staffed by unpaid volunteer workers who assist the NHS with this wonderful service. Our thanks go to each one of them for the service they provide for the benefit of so many others.

Get in the swing with our friends at Lennox Children's Cancer Fund



Our friends at Lennox Children's Cancer Fund are hosting their first golf day on Friday, 16 June, which they hope to make an annual event. We have been asked to circulate the details of this event to help introduce Lennox to a new audience of potential supporters. The organisers are keen to get as many people there as possible.

You can view details of this and all their other events by [Clicking Here](#)

And download an entry form by [Clicking Here](#)

MetGL Cancer Screening Session



Next MetGL Screening Session.....

Tuesday 28th February 2023

Free for Masons!

(Gt Queen St Entrance)

10:00am to 2:00pm

To Register follow link <https://chaps.mvpsatests.org.uk/events/>
Find this event and click on Private then type the word Free when asked.



THE CHAPS/TACKLE/MASONIC PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING PROJECT SYNOPSIS

Every year over 12,000 UK men die from Prostate Cancer (PCa) - more deaths now than from breast cancer - and 50,000 new cases present, half of whom have advanced, incurable PCa. Despite the availability of the simple screening blood test Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) for earlier detection, its use is still not encouraged due to outdated fears of over-diagnosis and over-treatment even though these problems have been eliminated from current UK practice.

Countries extensively using PSA have seen their PCa death rates fall consistently and in long-running clinical trials PSA has halved the PCa death rate! Consequently, in 2020 the European Commission has recommended the introduction of national PCa screening programmes. Despite having this same evidence, the UK National Screening Committee in October 2020 again opposed a national screening programme. Meanwhile, our PCa death rate continues to rise and languishes amongst the worst in the western world!

The status quo is unacceptable. Consequently, CHAPS and TACKLE (The National Federation of Prostate Cancer Support Groups) have commenced a programme of risk-based testing initiated by the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London. Four Masonic Provinces and 5 screening charities have already joined the Project.

The Project is underpinned by a broad base of clinical specialists, the European Association of Urology, independent experts, a national laboratory, the national network of TACKLE, the screening charity GFACT, the Division of Population Health, Health Services Research & Primary Care at Manchester University and Imperial College, London.

The Project's objectives are to halve PCa mortality and demonstrate the practicality of screening at scale. In addition, individual PCa risk assessment will allow us to introduce advances in diagnostic MRI scanning and genetic testing for men at high risk of PCa.

Project Design

Recruitment is initially for 3 years to a PSA-based screening programme for men aged 40-80 with testing frequency based on an individual's risk: annually for men at high risk, biennially for intermediate risk and 3 yearly for men at low risk. Risk is determined by a man's initial PSA, his ethnicity and family history of PCa or breast and ovarian cancer.

Preliminary studies in 2020 for nearly 800 men at 8 events confirmed the clinical utility of the Project which we are now rolling out through an increasing number of contributing organisations across England and Wales.

Programme Advantages

- Reduce PCa deaths by 50% at 20 years' follow-up.
- Reduce late presentation with complications and metastases.
- Provide rapid access to NHS MRI scanning.
- Reduce both over-diagnosis and under-diagnosis.
- Facilitate research opportunities for men at risk (imaging and genetics).
- Improve quality of life after curative treatment versus long-term palliation and death.
- Early diagnosis enabling minimally invasive treatments with reduced side effects.
- Screening and curative treatment is far cheaper than late-stage palliation.

The national scope of this Demonstration Project will provide the most cost-effective confirmation that organised screening is the fastest way to reduce our unacceptable PCa death rate, avoid outdated harms of screening and correct the inequity of screening provision for UK men.

Chris Booth FRCS, FRSA
Clinical Director, CHAPS Charity

Ken Mastris
Chairman, TACSL

Frank Tiller & David Swain
Metropolitan Grand Lodge

June 2021

To see the full Project Protocol or for further information:
phone 01206 321253 or email chris.booth@chaps.uk.com



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We can be found at:

Facebook - [Mark Secretariat](#) - This is the contact account for the [Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page](#)

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Or you can email us at communications@mmh.org.uk

Calendar of Annual Meetings

Grand Meetings Calendar 2023 - All Orders

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

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Refreshment Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Ends	Roll Call	Assess. Ends
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 18 April 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
SC	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 4 May 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 17 May 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Activities	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Activities	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
KBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 14 September 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - 150 Celebration	Tuesday, 3 October 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 9 November 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT - visit	Great Priory of Malta	Tuesday, 21 November 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 11 December 2023	FMI, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 8AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

26/12/2023

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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



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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**

The quickest and easiest way to donate is by scanning the QR code below or following this [Link](#).

Mark Emergency Relief Fund
MMM185622

To make a donation
scan with phone camera to open
or visit URL

<https://gtap.uk/mmm185622>



For a Credit Card Donation Form [Click Here](#) - remembering to use your **Craft Lodge name and number**, not your Mark Lodge.

For a Single Donation Form [Click Here](#) - remembering to use your **Craft Lodge name and number**, not your Mark Lodge.

If you would like more information about the ways in which you can donate using the digital options above, you can read the Digital Donations Guide by [Clicking Here](#)

And if you, or your Lodge, already hold a Relief Chest from which you would like to donate funds, there is a further, specific guide available by [Clicking Here](#) and a simple transfer guide available by [Clicking Here](#)

Social Media Guidelines



With our relatively new Pro Grand Masters in both the Craft and the Mark, we are continuing our close working relationship with our Brethren at Freemasons' Hall.

While we enjoy and encourage our members' enthusiasm for our Orders, it's important that we are mindful where and how we share our passion for Freemasonry.

Please ensure that any posts on social media about the Companion Orders are either restricted to groups, pages and websites that are open to all Orders or, if destined for Craft specific areas, are posted via a moderator to ensure they are a welcome additions to the news feed.

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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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[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

[2029 Durham](#)

[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.

The 2029 Festival Stewardship Jewel for Durham is now in stock and available for delivery.

















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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