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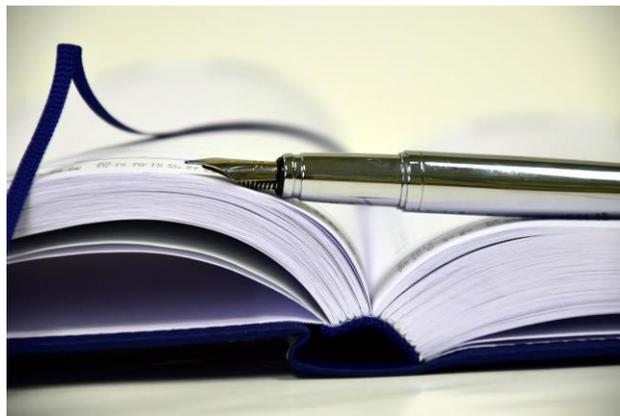
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Companion Orders Diary



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, 26 August - O.S.M. Installation of Wy.Bro. Martyn William Greene, P.G.Swd.B., as Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for East Scotland

Wednesday, 30 August - S.C. Consecration of Wivnhou Consistory No. 146, Province of Essex

Saturday, 2 September - Mark Installation of W.Bro. Peter Kirpensteijn, P.G.S.D., as District Grand Master for The Netherlands

Tuesday, 5 September - S.C. Consecration of King Arthur Consistory No. 143, Province of Somerset and Dorset

Tuesday, 12 September - Mark Communication of Mark Grand Lodge and Investiture of recipients of promotions in Grand Rank, Freemasons' Hall, London

Thursday, 14 September - K.B.H.C. Annual meeting of Grand Priory, M.M.H., London

Tuesday, 3 October - R.S.M. Celebratory meeting of the Sesquicentenary of Grand Council, Freemasons' Hall - Bookings open Monday, 7 October [Click Here](#) for more details

Monday, 16 October - O.S.M./S.C. Consecrations of Sagittarii Britanniae Conclave No. 634 & Invictus Consistory No. 149 Province of Staffordshire & Shropshire/Midland Counties

It's all happening in Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford



Monday, 24 July was a notable day for the Socrates Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 794 as they celebrated 100 years of continuous working.

The Socrates Lodge of M.M.M. was Consecrated on 24 July 1923 in Masonic Rooms at the Town Hall in Huntingdon by John Powys, 5th Baron Lilford, the Provincial Grand Master of the Degree of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and Bedfordshire between 1912 and 1939.

For the Centenary Meeting, the Lodge welcomed the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford, R.W.Bro. John David Sowerby, along with a full Provincial team.

The Lodge was also greatly honoured by the presence of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer who was accompanied by his Director of Ceremonies W.Bro. Andrew Jennings, Dep.G.D.C.,

The Deputy Grand Master, having assumed the Master's Chair, stated that he was pleased to be back in the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford and he noted that he had only recently installed the Provincial Grand Master one month earlier.

The original Warrant of the Lodge was then read by the Provincial Grand Secretary W.Bro. Keith Hewitt, and the Centenary Warrant was read by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro. Andrew Jennings. After a few pertinent comments on the Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master went on to present the Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Roger Haynes, P.Prov.G.J.O., with the Centenary Warrant of the Lodge and he was then placed back into the Master's chair.

This was followed by a short presentation on the history of the Lodge delivered, in excellent style, by W.Bro. Mark Howell, the Lodge Director of Ceremonies.

After this the Deputy Grand Master was introduced to the members of the Lodge in turn.

At the 50th Jubilee meeting held on Tuesday, 24 July 1973, Bro. Alex Brown, a Scottish Constitution Master Mason was advanced into the Lodge. At the invitation of the Deputy Grand Master, (the now) W.Bro. Alex Brown, P.G.St.B., was conducted to him. Together, they sat in the East and discussed the life, times and significant events of W.Bro. Brown's personal, work and masonic careers. This, in the presence of W.Bro. William Brown (a sibling) and Bro. Ian Hills (a nephew). The Deputy Grand Master then presented W.Bro. Alex Brown with his 50-year certificate.



As the icing on the cake, the Deputy Grand Master proceeded to inform W.Bro. Alex that the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons had been delighted to grant him a Field Promotion to Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, and presented him with his letter of appointment. This was met with great acclamation and the applause could well have been heard north of the border. W.Bro. Alex made a very suitable response although in his words he really was "lost for words".

Following the closure of the Lodge and after a photographic record of the meeting was taken, attendees were treated to a summer meal during a very convivial evening.

Congratulations go to Socrates Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 794 for 100 years of continuous Mark Masonry, and we hope that the Lodge continues for many years to come.

Many thanks go to everyone on the Executive and Provincial Officers and the Lodge Officers who worked so hard to make it such a memorable occasion for all and the same thanks to the staff at Huntingdon Masonic Hall for the food and service. Another wonderful 'Mark' evening.

With thank to W.Bro. Des Hinshelwood, P.A.G.D.C., Lodge Secretary; W.Bro. Chris James, A.Prov.G.M.; and W.Bro. Rob Taylor for the photographs.



A generous donation from Rose & Thistle



Following a nomination from Rose and Thistle Council No. 156, the Cumberland & Westmorland A.M.D. Executive Committee decided to donate £500 to the "Children's Hospices Across Scotland" Charity (CHAS).

The photo shows W.Bro. Alan Buntain the W.M. of Rose & Thistle Council making the presentation. Alan lives in Glasgow where the Charity also has its Headquarters.

Since W.Bro. John Beadle started running Curry Nights, on behalf of the District at Carlisle a few years ago, several thousands of pounds have been donated to Community based charities. However, this is the first time a Scottish Charity has been nominated and it was quickly approved.

Rose & Thistle Council meets at Dalston near Carlisle and was consecrated in October 1999 by M.W.Bro. Michael Herbert. The 13 founders were all members of Councils in the District and consisted of eight Englishmen and five Scotsmen, hence the name. Following a steady start, a 'membership explosion' occurred around 2010 when many Brethren from the Scottish 'middle belt' joined, including several Provincial (or equivalent) Heads of Orders. Membership is currently 57 and the Council enjoys vibrant meetings with good ritual.

The last meeting was on Easter Saturday, when 42 Brethren enjoyed a Fish & Chip dinner from the local chippy because the normal caterer was on holiday. The Council admitted one new Candidate, Bro. Alex Brown, to the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr, then 10 Candidates to the the Degree of the Holy Order of Grand High Priest

W.Bro. Buntain, W.M., conferred the St Lawrence Degree plus the Lecture, then the second half of the Grand High Priest Degree, plus the lecture. Several Brethren commented that it was one of the best day's ritual they had witnessed.

The recently consecrated Ian Stanley Currans Consistory (Scarlet Cord) met at the same venue in the afternoon and several of their members also attended the Allied Meeting and the Fish & Chip dinner. Bro. Gavin McNab, well known either side of the Border particularly in the Secret Monitor Degree, was elected Master Elect and will be installed on Sat, 14 October. Your attendance would be welcomed. Please book in through the Council Secretary, W.Bro. Mervyn McAleer on 01848-331300

With thanks to R.W.Bro. Eddie Crosby, Dist.G.Pref.

Deheubarth Commissioned Rulers Conclave No. 605



At the Meeting of the Deheubarth Commissioned Rulers Conclave No. 605 held on 29 July 2023 at the Masonic Hall, Spilman Street, Carmarthen, Right Worthy Brother Denzil K. Bartlett, Provincial Grand

Supreme Ruler for the Province of West Wales of the Order of the Secret Monitor, honoured the Conclave by becoming its Supreme Ruler.

In the presence of Worthy Brother Nigel C. Haines, P.G.Swd.B., Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, the exceptionally high standard Installation Ceremony was carried out by Wy.Bro. T. Alan Jones, P.G.St.B., the Supreme Ruler of the Conclave, assisted by a number of the honoured attendees including R.Wy.Bro. Lyndon W. Hughson, P.Prov.G.S.Ruler., Wy.Bro. David L.M. Greig, P.G.Swd.B., together with Wy.Bro. Adrian Thomas, P.G.Swd.B., Prov.G.D.C., the Visiting Deacons plus the Provincial Arch of Steel commanded by Wy.Bro. Andrew Thomas.

The vibrant and very happy Festive Board was held in the Ivy Bush Hotel, where the Members were joined by a number of their wives and were treated to the excellent fare for which the Hotel is noted.

With thanks to Bro. Chris Mugford Prov.A.o.S., Prov.Comms







Vale Of Pickering Consistory No. 144



Thursday, 14 July saw the Consecration of Vale of Pickering Consistory No. 144 by the Grand Summus, Most Distinguished Companion Ian Stanley Currans, VI, assisted by Officers of Grand Senatus at the Downe Arms Hotel, Wykeham, Scarborough; this apparently being the first of nine Consistories to be consecrated before Christmas.

A wonderful Oration was delivered by the Episcopos, R.Dist.Comp. Charles J. Aspinall.

Following the Constitution, Dedication and Consecration, the Grand Summus invited the Deputy Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Francis C. Spencer, to be the Installing Officer. The Deputy Grand Summus then Installed Dist.Comp. Philip G.C. Mort as the President of Vale of Pickering Consistory No. 144. He was then entrusted with the Warrant.

The President then invested Em.Comp. Paul N. Rust as the Primus of Lectores, and Comp. Malcolm J. Forbes as the Primus of Ostiarii.

The address to the President was then given by the Assistant Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Howard S. Markham.

The Consecrating Officer, the Assisting Officers of Grand Summus and six members of the Grand Tzaddikim were then elected as honorary members of the Consistory.

Under any other business, Consistory Recorder V.Dist.Comp. J. Stephen Priestley read out the names of one joining member and five Candidates.

Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Christopher N. Barker, is delighted that the Province now has four Consistories, covering all corners of the Province of North & East Yorkshire.

With thanks to V.Dist.Comp. J. Stephen Priestley, V, P.G.Lect.



Charlemagne Consistory No. 145



Friday, 28 July 2023 saw the consecration of a new Consistory in Essex. Charlemagne Consistory No. 145 was the brainchild of the Provincial Grand Summus, R.Dist.Comp. Ray Clare, with the intention of making the Consistory a joint Anglo/Dutch Consistory with Founders all Essex members (14 British and 7 Dutch) but living in the two Countries, reinforcing the strong bonds of its members. Charlemagne is the sixth Consistory to be consecrated in the Province, with a further one planned for the 30th August 2023.



As the Grand Episcopus said in his Oration “The Consistory is intending to meet, not only in this Province, at Saxon Hall, Southend on Sea, but also in The Netherlands, a truly Anglo-Dutch venture. Like two other Anglo-Dutch ventures, Royal Dutch Shell and Unilever it will, I am sure, grow and become a great success.

As the result of The Glorious Revolution in 1688, when James II was deposed and was replaced jointly by his daughter Mary II and James’s nephew, William III of Orange, de facto ruler of the Dutch Republic”. This provides further evidence of the strong links between the two countries and the founders of the Consistory.

Charlemagne Consistory is named after King Charlemagne, who was a medieval emperor who ruled much of Western Europe from 768 to 814. In 771, Charlemagne became king of the Franks, a Germanic tribe in present-day Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and western Germany.



At 11 a.m. the Most Distinguished Grand Summus, Ian Stanley Currans, accompanied by R.Dist.Comp. Francis Spencer, Deputy Grand Summus, and R.Dist.Comp. Howard Markham, Assistant Grand Summus, and other Grand Officers, entered the temple at Saxon Hall, Southend on Sea, to great applause and commenced the Consecration of the new Consistory. The whole ceremony was a pleasure to observe and carried out with real professionalism and sincerity by all involved.

The Deputy Grand Summus then Installed the Primus President, R.Dist.Comp. Ray Clare, who went on to appoint Em.Comp. Pieter Nagel (below, right) as Primus of Lectores, and Em.Comp. Fank Poot (below, left) as Primus of Ostiarii; and the rest of the Officers. It was also announced that there were three Candidates in the pipeline, all Dutch Brethren .



All then retired to an Anglo/Dutch Festive Board consisting of a traditional seafood buffet as a starter, followed by Champagne Sorbet, Hutspot met Klapstuk Aardappeipuree, Ulen & Carrors (a Dutch beef dish), and finishing with Appeltaaret met Crème!

The G.D.C. then called the Companions attention to Dist.Comp. Terry Sheern who made a presentation to the Consistory of two specially made vessels for the Consistory charity collections, a very large pair of wooden clogs!



During the toasts, the new Companion President proposed the health of the Grand Summus and made comment that he was concerned about the welfare of the Grand Summus since his move North of the border, and presented him with a survival kit including whistle, compass, blade and flint, a thermal blanket, torch and sleeping bag as well as bottle of whisky to keep him warm!



In his response to his toast President reiterated that he was standing down on, 2 September 2023 and made a surprise announcement that Dist.Comp. Terry Sheern was to be appointed as his successor.





























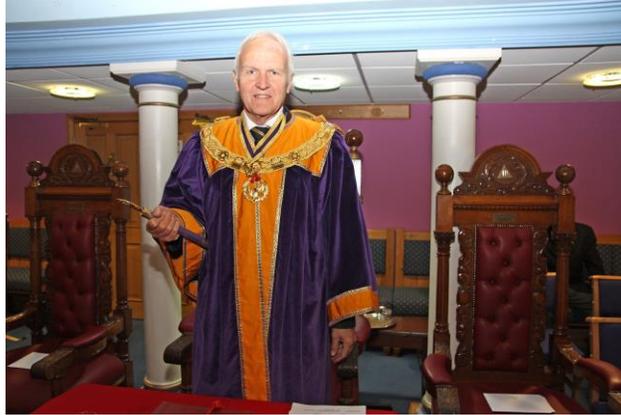
















Charities round up



St John of Jerusalem
Eye Hospital Group



Lincolnshire Mark Masons' Help out Prostate Cancer UK



I was delighted to join Jade Dyer at the [Prostate Cancer UK](#) offices yesterday with the President of the MBF, R.W.Bro. Archie Torrance and his wife, Maggie. In June I was gifted £500 by the [Lincolnshire Mark Masons](#) after delivering a presentation at their Royal Ark Mariner Annual Assembly in Skegness with the request to donate to my choice of charity.

With so many of my friends and colleagues going through the terrible experience of this sometimes aggressive cancer there was really only one choice. It was encouraging to hear of the work of the charity and the strides they have made in recent years, but also to know first hand of the obstacles that they encounter on a regular basis. Such a worthwhile and necessary charity to support. My heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of the Lincolnshire Province and their Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Steve Hallberg for your very kind gesture - I hope you approve!

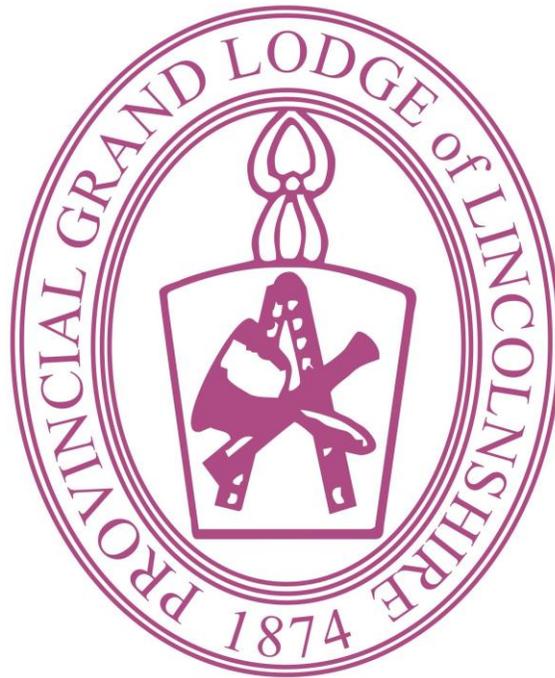
W.Bro. Darren W. Coleman-Heald, P.G.S.D., Charities Manager, Mark Masons' Hall



**Lincolnshire
Mark Benevolent
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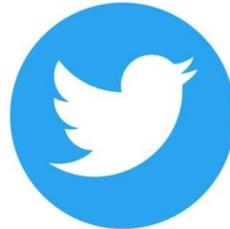
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Calendar of Annual Meetings

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	Rehearsal Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Finishes	Dinner Starts	Annual Dinner
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 7 March 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council - Linnel Cauchy	Tuesday, 18 April 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	3:00 PM
SC	Grand Sorority	Thursday, 4 May 2023	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 17 May 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Institution Active & 51st	Tuesday, 13 June 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Institution	Tuesday, 12 September 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	12:00 AM	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	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 24 October 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	6:30 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 9 November 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
KT - Mata	Great Priory of Mata	Tuesday, 21 November 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 11 December 2023	PMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	5:00 PM

Please be seated 15 minutes before published start time

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MBF Festival Cheshire 2024



156th MBF Festival Banquet
will be held at the
Concorde Conference Centre
Wilmslow Old Rd, Altrincham
WA15 8XQ
Saturday, 6 July 2024

BOOK HERE



Stewardship Jewels

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

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[2025 Oxfordshire](#)

[2026 Hampshire & IOW](#)

[2027 Warwickshire](#)

[2028 Somerset](#)

[2029 Durham](#)

[2030 Essex](#)

[2031 Northumberland](#)

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.

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
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**Mark Emergency Relief Fund
MMM185622**

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

<https://gtap.uk/mmm185622>



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 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 hardware 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, groundsheets 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



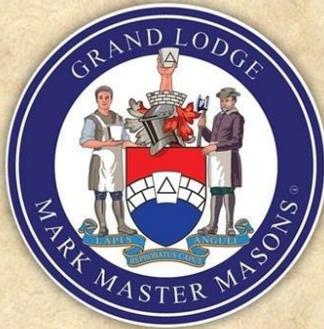
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Mark Emergency Relief Fund

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 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
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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](#)

Swift pins still available



For those who may not have been able to get their hands on one of the K.T. £20 for 2020 Appeal Swift Pins, there are still some available.

Provinces can order in bulk, or individuals can purchase single pins, by contacting Linda Read, M.M.H. Charities Finance Manager at L.Read@mmh.org.uk and Finance Assistant, Millie Pilson, M.Pilson@mmh.org.uk

Pins are £20 each and funds raised will go to the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

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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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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