

Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales



Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master
Dr VIVIAN THOMAS, JP, G.C.H.C.

Right Reverend Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master
PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, OstJ, G.C.H.C.

Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street
London, SW1A 1PL

August 2026

Dear Sir and Reverend Knight

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Priory of England and Wales will be held on **Thursday, 10 September 2026**, at Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL, at 2 p.m. prompt.

All members of the Order are invited to attend.

By command of the Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.Revd.Kt. Daniel Mark Heath, P.G.V.Gen.
Eques ab Honore et Virtute
Grand Chancellor

DRESS: Short Black Coat or Dark Lounge Suit. Regalia of the highest Degree held.

Rehearsal time for Grand Officers: 1 p.m.

Please note that photography and videography are being conducted at this event. The captured media will be used for social media, newsletters, our website, and archival purposes.

AGENDA

1. Grand Priory will be opened.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of Grand Priory held on Thursday, 11 September 2025, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the Grand Master's Council for the twelve months ended 30 June 2026, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To elect and proclaim the Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master.
6. To appoint and proclaim the Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master.
7. To appoint and invest a Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City.
8. To appoint and invest a Knight Commander of the Holy City.
9. To elect the Grand Treasurer.
10. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for the ensuing year.
11. The Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master will appoint two Knights to serve on the Grand Master's Council in accordance with Article 15 of the Statutes.
12. To elect two Knights to serve on the Grand Master's Council in accordance with Article 15 of the Statutes.
13. The Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master will address Grand Priory.
14. To sing the Alms Hymn during which a collection will be taken.
15. To close Grand Priory.

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER'S COUNCIL

1. Certificates Issued

During the year ended 30 June 2026, 55 new members have joined the Order. The total subscribing membership of the Order, as at 30 June 2026, was 848.

2. Obituary

The Council reports, with deep regret, the death of the following Grand Officers:

R.Revd.Kt. Edwin Bryant Goodwin, K.C.H.C.

R.Revd.Kt. Malcolm Christopher Moreland, K.C.H.C.

V.Revd.Kt. Arnold Long, P.G.Alm.

V.Revd.Kt. John Herbert Prizeman, P.G.Alm.

Revd.Kt. Edwin Frederick John Purkis, P.G.B.B.

Revd.Kt. Terence Albert Dennis Bowler, P.A.G.Her.

Revd.Kt. Barry Spanton Searle, P.G.I.Sent.

2a. The Council also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 July to 10 August 2026:

R.Revd.Kt. William Gillespie Brownlee McGolpin, K.B.H.C.

V.Revd.Kt. Raymond George Fretten, P.G.Alm.

3. Appointment

The Most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master has been pleased to appoint, at his pleasure, V.Revd.Kt. Andrew Christopher Rainbow, P.G.Alm., to be Regional Grand Prefect for HEART OF ENGLAND, with effect from 30 March 2026, in succession to R.E.Kt. George Edward Bonham, K.C.H.C.

4. **Warrant of Constitution**

The Most Eminent & Reverend Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Constitution to Suthrige Lodge of S.M.S.A. No. 23 – Anglo-Saxon.

5. **K.B.H.C. Benevolent Fund**

A donation of £1,000 was made from the Fund for the benefit of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group in November 2023. The current balance of the accumulated alms collections in the Fund is £1,571.39.

6. **Grand Honours**

The allocation of Grand Honours is the prerogative of the M.Em. & Revd. Grand Master.

7. **Fees and Annual Dues**

The standard rates of registration and other fees payable to Grand Priory for the financial year **1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027** shall be as follows:

WARRANTS

For a Warrant of Constitution or Warrant of Confirmation at cost

For a Celebration Warrant (Centenary/Sesquicentenary/Bicentenary) at cost

PATENTS

For a Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City/Knight Commander of the Holy City ... at cost

For a Regional Grand Prefect..... at cost

REGISTRATION

Annual Dues – 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027 £35.00

Of an Installed Knight Templar on Reception or a joining member

not previously on the Register of Grand Priory £30.00

Of a joining member already on the Register of Grand Priory £23.00

Of a founder member of a new Lodge of S.M.S.A. being a Knight already

on the Register of Grand Priory £8.00

Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Priory Certificates £30.00

DISPENSATIONS

Lodge or Worshipful Deputy Master Elect £30.00

Dispensations (Nunc Pro Tunc) £58.00

Any request for dispensation received less than 21 days before it is required will be treated as a Nunc Pro Tunc Dispensation and charged accordingly.

All Fees shown are inclusive of Value Added Tax at the current rate of 20% payable by Lodges and Knights in England and Wales. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

8. **Administration**

The Registrations Department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of members of the Inner Order as soon as possible after they occur via **Keystone Online**.

Chancellors are requested to address communications either to the Grand Chancellor or the most appropriate member of MMH staff by name, depending on the nature of the communication. Communications should only be marked 'Private and Confidential' by exception. All such communications should be sent to:

Grand Priory KBHC, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

R.Revd.Kt. Kessick J. Jones, G.C.H.C., Pres.G.M.C.
R.Revd.Kt. Daniel M. Heath, K.B.H.C., P.G.V.Gen.

10 August 2026

NOTICES

1. GRAND PRIORY SUMMONS—Secretaries of Lodges are required to forward copies of this summons to Reverend Knights and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the Annual Meeting.

2. DINING—Brethren will dine together after the Annual Meeting of Grand Priory at Mark Masons' Hall at 3.30 p.m. Brethren wishing to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Mark Masons' Hall website:

www.markmasonshall.org/latest-events/events/knights-beneficent/grand-priory/gp2026

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Thursday, 27 August 2026** – all details are on the website. Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to **7 days** prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded. Please email: **kbhc@mmh.org.uk**

3. WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA—To keep up to date with events in all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall go to:

www.markmasonshall.org

www.instagram.com/markmasonshall/

www.facebook.com/GLofMMM

www.linkedin.com/company/101117374

www.youtube.com/@markmasonshall86

www.x.com/MarkMasonsHall

4. KEYSTONE ONLINE—All documents relating to the administration of Prefectures and Lodges are available in the document store on Keystone Online. Chancellors and Secretaries are advised not to save copies to a PC or Prefecture website but to always use the latest version in the document store.

5. MASONIC CHARITIES—Information and downloadable forms for all the Masonic charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall can be found on the website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charities

6. GRAND MASTER'S KEYSTONE FUND—Information and downloadable forms for the fund can be found on the Mark Masons' Hall website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charities/gmkf

Please return donation forms by post or email: **charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk**

Charities Finance Dept., Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

All bursary applications are to be made **online** via the webpage as above, where further details of the bursary scheme and **FAQs** are available. Please direct any additional queries to the G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme Coordinator by email: **gmkfbursaries@mmh.org.uk**

7. HOSPITALITY AT MARK MASONS' HALL—The Carvery at 86 St James is open on selected weekdays and is available to all Freemasons, their family and friends. **Booking in advance is strongly recommended** as the Carvery is very popular and is, on occasions, fully booked for private functions. Members of the **86 St James Loyalty Scheme** will receive advance notification of opening dates by email. Reservations may be made by email to **info@86stjames.com** or telephone: **020 7747 1185**.

A variety of hot and cold sandwiches is also available in the bar on weekdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The bar opening times will be 12 noon until 10.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday. Further information is available on the Mark Masons' Hall website:

www.markmasonshall.org/dining-at-86

8. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA—Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall and via our website:

www.markmasonshall.org/shop-at-86

The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). Orders may also be placed by telephone: **020 7747 1191** or email: **regalia@mmh.org.uk**