

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England
and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas



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Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street
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August 2026

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on **Tuesday, 8 September 2026, at 1 p.m.** in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ. All Mark Master Masons are invited to attend. Please note that registration is required.

Active Officers of the year will enter in procession and have a reserved seat in the temple providing they have given notice of their intention to attend. The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Grand Wardens, Grand Sword Bearer, Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Inner Guard, Grand Stewards and the Grand Tyler at the rehearsal commencing at 11 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.J.W., Grand Secretary

DRESS – Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Grand Officers, Provincial and District Grand Officers and holders of Overseas Mark Grand Rank will wear full dress Mark regalia. Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Past Masters will wear the apron, collar and jewel of their respective offices. All other Mark Master Masons will wear the apron and jewel of the Order.

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. To open Grand Lodge.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 9 June 2026, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the three months ended 30 June 2026, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To note the recommended grants that have been approved by the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund to the following worthy causes:

Bournemouth Wheelchair Rugby Club	£39,965
Southall School, Telford (Staffordshire and Shropshire).....	£39,871
Royal College For The Blind (Gloucestershire and Herefordshire)	£28,892
Support Dogs (West Yorkshire)	£26,147
Castle Point Transport Museum Society (Essex).....	£26,000
Northumberland National Park Mountain Rescue Team (Northumb.) ..	£25,000
Maggies.....	£25,000
ShelterBox – Venezuela	£25,000
Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Charity (Dorset / Somerset).....	£18,700
Taunton Gladiators Wheelchair Rugby Club	£17,592
North Lincs District Scout Council (Lincolnshire)	£11,790
Kathleen Davis Stage School (Durham).....	£9,702
Rygbi Gogledd Cymru – RGC Wheelchair Rugby Club	£9,301
Penrith Pumas Wheelchair Rugby Club	£7,628
Sal's Shoes (Surrey)	£7,000
Norfolk Knights Wheelchair Rugby Club	£5,821
Cheltenham Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club	£5,697
Police UK Disability Sports Charity	£1,233
Solent Sharks Wheelchair Rugby Club	£675
TOTAL	£331,014

6. To nominate the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.
7. To nominate the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
8. To give notice of motion that at the next regular Communication of Grand Lodge to be held on Tuesday, 9 March 2027, changes to the Constitutions and Regulations will be proposed.
9. To invest Brethren promoted in Grand Rank.
10. The Presiding Officer will address Grand Lodge.
11. To close Grand Lodge.

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS for the three months ended 30 June 2026

1. Certificates Issued

During the three months ended 30 June 2026, 500 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 June 2026 was 43,901.

2. Obituary

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

R.W.Bro. Louis De Bouvere, P.G.S.W.
V.W.Bro. Thomas Norman Firban, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Anthony Sheppardson, P.G.S.O.
V.W.Bro. Lt Bartel Smit, P.G.S.O.
V.W.Bro. Robert David Rice, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. Thakershi Tejshi Shah, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. Hak Chiu Herman Tsoi, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. David Tucker, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. John Henry Veall, P.G.J.O.
W.Bro. David Emmerson, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Philip Albert Toler, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. William George Boggia, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Trevor Scorer, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Claude Nigel Willie Smith, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. John Frederick Wreyford, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Gazanfar Ali Mohammed Ali, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. David Francis Barton, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Robert Christopher Biddle, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Stanley Brown, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Richard John Dredge, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Frank Victor Herbert, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. William Gordon Kinghorn, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Michael Gordon James Landers, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Malcolm George Leftley, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Alexander Robert Russell, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Derek Edwicker, P.A.G.Swd.B.
W.Bro. Michael Raymond Melia, P.A.G.Swd.B.
W.Bro. Colin John Williams, P.A.G.Swd.B.
W.Bro. Clive Edward Bateman, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Austin Arthur Holtum, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. George Tilley, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Bomi Ardeshir Vaid, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Nidrel James Walsh, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Ian Sinclair Nelson, P.A.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Gordon Edward Rosbotham, P.A.G.I.G.

2a. The General Board also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 July to 18 August 2026:

R.W.Bro. Dr Claudius Oluwatoyin Oredugba, P.Dist.G.M. (Nigeria)
V.W.Bro. John Stuart Hay, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Raymond George Fretten, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. Henry Malin Goonetilleke, P.G.J.O.
 V.W.Bro. Peter William Hughes, P.G.J.O.
 V.W.Bro. Captain (Rtd) John Railton Simons, P.G.Chap.
 W.Bro. Peter William Clee, P.G.S.D.
 W.Bro. Raymond John Organ, P.G.S.D.
 W.Bro. Graham Richard Lloyd Ball, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Dr Marcellinus Johannes Hubertus Maria Herpers, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. James Leonard Mylan, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Gordon Alan Wiles, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Robert William Chilvers, P.A.G.D.C.
 W.Bro. David Gilfoy Jackson, P.A.G.D.C.
 W.Bro. Mark Aaron Sharp, P.A.G.D.C.
 W.Bro. Terance Nicholson, P.A.G.Swd.B.
 W.Bro. Alan Raymond Zimon, P.A.G.Swd.B.
 W.Bro. Frank Jayasinghe, P.G.St.B.

3. Appointment

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to make the following appointment at his pleasure:

W.Bro. Mark William Davis, P.G.J.D., to be Provincial Grand Master for EAST LANCASHIRE with effect from 29 October 2026, in succession to R.W.Bro. John H. Smith.

4. Mark Benevolent Fund

(a) GRANTS—During the three months ended 30 June 2026, five petitions were relieved in the sum of £23,876.

(b) EMERGENCY GRANTS—During the three months ended 30 June 2026, there were no emergency grants.

(c) GRAND MASTER'S KEYSTONE FUND

During the three months ended 30 June 2026, one recipient received the balance from a grant totalling £171.

(d) 2026 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL—HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT
 The Board is delighted to announce that the one hundred and fifty-eighth Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, under the Presidency of R.W.Bro. George John Deacon, Provincial Grand Master, raised the sum of **£1,910,000**.

In addition to the result announced at the Festival Banquet (£1,898,775), further donations were received as follows:

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Mark Lodges: £4,175;

Mark Provincial Grand Lodges: Northumberland – £2,500; Cornwall – £4,000; Surrey – £100 (a stewardship for Michael Paul Fenech)

Other Masonic Orders: RCC Holy Rood Conclave No.319 – £150; RSM Silchester Council No.226 – £150; RSM New Forest Council No.315 – £150.

(e) 2027 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL—WARWICKSHIRE

The one hundred and fifty-ninth Mark Benevolent Fund Festival is due to be held on Saturday, **3 July 2027**, at the Eastside Rooms, Woodcock Street, Birmingham, B7 4BL, under the presidency of R.W.Bro. Andrew Rowland Armbrister, Provincial Grand Master.

(f) MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

2028	Somerset	2031	Northumberland	2034	Dorset
2029	Durham	2032	Wiltshire	2035	Derbyshire
2030	Essex	2033	North & East Yorkshire	2036	Monmouthshire

5. Warrant of Constitution

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant for the new Barão do Rio Branco Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2074 – Brazil.

6. Centenary Warrant

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Centenary Warrant to Zetland Lodge of M.M.M. No. 831 (Cornwall) on completion of one hundred years' continuous working.

7. Jubilee Warrants

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Centenary Warrants to the following Lodges on completion of fifty years continuous working:

Earl of Euston Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1458 – Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford

Friendship Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1459 – East Lancashire

Nottingham Excelsior Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1464 – Nottinghamshire

8. Dispensation to Resume Working

The Board noted that a dispensation to resume working had been issued to Acropolis Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1969 (Italy) – formerly dormant.

9. Dispensations to Resume Working with Changes of Lodge Names

The Board noted that members had resolved to change the names of the following Lodges subsequent to the issue of dispensations to resume working:

True Love and Unity Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1159 (Devonshire) resumed working in July 2026. Members had resolved to change the name to DEVON MARK FOOTBALL Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1159.

Oakley Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1584 (Kent) resumed working in May 2026. Members had resolved to change the name to HONOR OAK Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1584.

The Mahajan Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1856 (London) resumed working in July 2026. Members had resolved to change the name to CARPATHIA Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1856.

10. Change of Lodge Name

The Board noted that members had resolved to change the name of Northern Heights Lodge of M.M.M. No. 989 to SURREY UNITED SERVICES Lodge of M.M.M. No. 989.

11. Lodges in Abeyance

The Board noted and approved requests for the following Lodges to be placed in abeyance for a period of not more than three years:

Excelsior Lodge of M.M.M. No. 359 – West Lancashire

Royal Connaught Lodge of M.M.M. No. 409 – Sussex

St Hiev Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1079 – West Yorkshire

Mosaic Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1136 – Worcestershire

Teks Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1456 – The Transvaal

San Giorgio Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1976 – Italy

12. Warrants Surrendered

The Board noted that the members of the following Lodges had voted to surrender their Warrants:

The Cloisters Lodge of M.M.M. No. 872 – Hertfordshire

Abbey Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1086 – Sussex

All Saints Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1251 – Middlesex

Middleton Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1303 – East Lancashire

The Dorking Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1356 – Surrey

Fratres Scriptabacorum Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1508 – Hertfordshire

Rosewalk Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1585 – Hertfordshire

White River Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1621 – The Transvaal

Sanderstead Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1742 – Surrey

13. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **15 January 2027** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

14. Administration

The Registrations department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Grand Officers as soon as they occur via **Keystone Online**.

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

G.L.M.M.M., Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

18 August 2026

R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.J.W., Pres.Gen.Bd.

R.W.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.

NOTICES

1. GRAND LODGE SUMMONS—Secretaries of Lodges are required to forward copies of this summons to Worshipful Brothers and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge.

2. DINING—Brethren will dine together after the Communication of Grand Lodge at approximately 3.30 p.m. in the Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Brethren wishing to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Mark Masons' Hall website:

<https://markmasonshall.org/latest-events/events/mark-master-mason/grand-lodge-september/mgl-sep26>

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Tuesday, 25 August 2025** – 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: **m.support@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 Provinces/Districts and Lodges are available in the document store on KOL. Secretaries are advised not to save copies to a PC or Provincial/District 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. 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 can be made via email: **emily@86stjames.com** or Tel: **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 noon until 10.30 p.m., Mon. to Sat.
Further information is available on the Mark Masons' Hall website:
www.markmasonshall.org/dining-at-86
7. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA—Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at MMH 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 email: **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or Tel: **020 7747 1191**.
8. ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTER'S LODGES OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINER—The 140th Annual Festival will be held on Wednesday, 12 May 2027, at Wensum Valley Hotel, Taverham, Norfolk, at which there will be a demonstration of the Elevation and Advancement Ceremonies. The meeting will be followed by a Festival Dinner.
Festival President: R.W.Bro. David Boswell, Provincial Grand Master for East Anglia.
Information and application forms for the 2026 Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Terry Larkowsky, or from the Festival Secretary:
W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose: email: **cs.rose@btinternet.com** Mobile: 07733 228366.
9. THIRD CANON PORTAL MEMORIAL LECTURE
The Royal Family and the Masonic Charities
Delivered by V.W.Bro. Dr John Walter Hawkins, P.G.J.O., at the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on 2 October 2024.
To arrange a delivery of the third lecture in your Province or District, please contact V.W.Bro. Dr Hawkins: **johnwh174@gmail.com**
10. FOURTH CANON PORTAL MEMORIAL LECTURE
Frederick Binckes: A Remarkable Freemason
To be delivered by R.W.Bro. Richard Gan, JP, P.Prov.G.M. (Middlesex), at the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on 7 October 2026.
To arrange a delivery of the fourth lecture in your Province or District, please contact R.W.Bro. Gan, JP: **richard@richardgan.com**



Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No. 207610

Grand Master's Keystone Fund



The Grand Master's Keystone Fund (G.M.K.F.) was launched at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge in June 2023 in celebration of over 40 years dedicated service by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO. This new fund replaces the previous Keystone Fund, established on 3 June 1930, to finance significant capital projects improving the infrastructure, amenities, and overall quality of the Headquarters of our Orders, and the reinvigorated 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund, launched at the Sesquicentenary Celebration of Mark Grand Lodge in October 2006.

PURPOSE—To offer encouragement and financial support in the form of bursaries to individuals pursuing educational, vocational, sports or performing arts endeavours.

BENEFICIARIES—The G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme is open to members of the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and their dependents.

ADMINISTRATION—The fund is administered by the Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) Board of Trustees. Online applications will be processed by the Bursary Scheme Coordinator. The G.M.K.F. Awards Panel will assess applications using the M.B.F. eligibility criteria.

DONATION QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE—Donations made to the fund will continue to be acknowledged with the Keystone Breast Jewel for Brethren, and a Collarette and Jewel for units, Provinces, Districts, Divisions and Inspectorates, which includes a distinctive new Button. Ladies' jewels are also available.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (including Jewel and Button)	£150.00
LADIES DONATION (including jewel – may be worn as a brooch or necklace).....	£100.00
LODGES: £25 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button	£60.00
PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, DIVISIONS, INSPECTORATES:	
£10 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button	£60.00
Multi Award Pin (White Keystone)	£10.00

ORDER RECOGNITION—Contribution levels, jewels and buttons are the same for all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall; the only difference being the colour of the ribbon/collarette from which the jewel is suspended. These are: **MMM** – dark blue & crimson; **RAM** – rainbow; **KT** – red and white; **RCC** – white; **RSM** – crimson; **AMD** – thistle green; **OSM** – Indian yellow; **SC** – red, white and black; **KBHC** – lime green and red.

DONATION FORMS AND GIFT AID—Gift Aid can be applied to all donations (excluding the purchase of jewels) if eligible. Donation forms (including Gift Aid notices) are available to download from the Mark Masons' Hall website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charities/gmkf

Please return donation forms by post or email: charitiesfinance@mmh.org.uk
Charities Finance Department, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

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