

The Grand Council of the Order of Allied Masonic Degrees
of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas



M.W.Bro. THOMAS FIRTH JACKSON
Grand Master

R.W.Bro. CLIVE ROBERT MANUEL
Deputy Grand Master

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

September 2021

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Annual Meeting of Grand Council will be held on **Tuesday, 26 October 2021, at 1.15p.m.** in the Grand Temple, **Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.**

All Brethren of the Order are eligible to attend. Active Officers of the year will enter in procession and have a reserved seat in the Grand Temple providing they have given notice of their intention to attend.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Deputy and Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Deacons, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Inner Guard and the Grand Stewards at the rehearsal commencing at 11.30 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary

DRESS: Short black coat or dark lounge suit.

Grand Officers, District Grand Officers and holders of Overseas Allied Grand Rank will wear full dress regalia. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters will wear the collar and jewel of their respective offices. All other Brethren will wear the jewel of the Order

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Council.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To note that there are no Minutes to approve and adopt from the Annual Meeting of Grand Council which was due to have been held on Tuesday, 27 October 2020, but abandoned due to the restrictions on Masonic activity arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.
4. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2021, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To receive the Report of the Grand Treasurer for the twelve months ended 31 August 2020 as detailed in **Appendix B**.
6. To elect and proclaim the Grand Master.
7. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Master.
8. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
9. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for 2021/2022.
10. To appoint professionally qualified and registered Auditors in accordance with Regulation 20 (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
11. To appoint two members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following will be appointed in accordance with Regulation 117 (i):
R.W.Bro. A. S. McLaren, P.Dist.G.Pref. (East Lancashire)
R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*, P.G.S.W.
12. To elect two members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following have been nominated in accordance with Regulation 117 (i):
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref. (East Anglia)
R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Devon and Cornwall)
13. The Grand Master will address Grand Council.
14. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Council.
15. To close Grand Council.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—2021

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2021, 35 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2021 was 4,895.

2. In Memoriam

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

- R.W.Bro. John Brackley, P.Dep.G.M.
- R.W.Bro. Dennis Brian Saunders, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Essex)
- R.W.Bro. Brian Clifford Wareham, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Southern Counties)
- R.W.Bro. Donald Priestley, P.G.J.W.
- R.W.Bro. Thomas Thomson, *CPM*, P.G.J.W.
- V.W.Bro. Revd John Mulholland Burgess, P.G.Reg.
- V.W.Bro. Brian Francis Richards, P.G.Reg.
- V.W.Bro. Alan Eli Smith, P.G.Reg.
- V.W.Bro. Andrew Barry Stephenson, P.G.Reg.
- V.W.Bro. Lawrence William Tillet, P.G.Reg.
- V.W.Bro. Geoffrey Alan Williams, P.G.Reg.
- W.Bro. Neil Alan Appleton, P.G.S.D.
- W.Bro. Claude Gerald Cartoon, P.G.S.D.
- W.Bro. Cyril Simon Esner, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Graham Stanley Hall, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Arthur Leslie Heaton, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Derek Hobbs, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Brian Holland, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Maj. Michael Anthony Patton, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Kenneth Bradley Rolfe, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Martin Jeffrey Sale, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Dennis Slights, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Donald Eric Soper, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Dudley Yorke-Summerskill, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. Mohamed Qualam Azad Sabeer Zain, P.G.J.D.
- W.Bro. David Frank Edge, P.A.G.D.C.
- W.Bro. Brian Harold Long, *JP*, P.A.G.D.C.
- W.Bro. Rt Revd Dr Michael John Stayt, P.A.G.D.C.
- W.Bro. James Russell Armstrong, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Edward John Belcher, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. David John Biggs, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Peter Henry Christian, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. John William De Freitas, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Adriaan David John Dominicus, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. David Mark Grant, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Larry Anthony Harding, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. John Keith Haslam, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. William Eric Holland, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Rowland Samuel Kirk, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Nicholas Brian Le-Grys, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Joseph Thomas Leigh, P.G.St.B.
- W.Bro. Peter Gerrard Salt, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. William George Sutherland Spence, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Martin Winchester, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Peter Abbott, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Thomas William Gray, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Ronald Thomas Jacques, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Derek Lenfesty Pilling, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Alan Edward Scriven, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Dr Richard Barry Smith, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Peter Richard Swinnerton, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Alan William Yeowell, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. George Richard William Brown, P.G.Stwd.

3. Appointments

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

W.Bro. MICHAEL JAMES LESLIE WHELAN, *JP*, P.G.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for Southern Counties in succession to R.W.Bro. Richard Anthony Dunleavy, with effect from 1 February 2020.

V.W.Bro. KENNETH MICHAEL RONDEL, P.G.Reg., to be Grand Inspector for Channel Islands in succession to R.W.Bro. Alfred David John Rosser, with effect from 28 November 2020.

W.Bro. RAYMOND HUA HSIN TENG Jnr, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Prefect for Far East in succession to R.W.Bro. Martin Howard Thomas, with effect from 29 May 2021.

4. Council in Abeyance

The Executive Committee noted and approved a request for the following Council to be placed in abeyance for a period of not more than three years:

Shuttleworth Council No. 50 – East Lancashire

5. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **2 June 2022** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

6. Fees and Annual Dues

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year **1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022** shall be as follows:

WARRANTS

For a new Warrant..... at cost
 For a Warrant of Confirmation at cost
 For a Celebration Warrant at cost

PATENTS

For a District Grand Prefect..... at cost
 For a Patent of Confirmation at cost

DISPENSATIONS

Council or Master Elect £30.00
 Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc)..... £58.00

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

REGISTRATION FEES

Annual Dues (1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022)..... £32.00
 Annual Dues – Installed Masters’ Councils £16.00

Registration of a Brother on Reception (50% reduction – first year of membership)...	£15.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered (50% reduction – 2021/2022).....	£15.00
A Joining Brother already registered (50% reduction – 2020/2021).....	£11.50
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother not previously registered.....	£30.00
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother already registered.....	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council Certificate	£30.00
YEARBOOKS	
Mark.....	£13.00
All other Orders	£12.00

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

7. Administration

The Registrations department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Grand Officers as soon as possible after they occur via Keystone Online. District Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of Inspectorates and Unattached Councils 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:

Grand Council AMD
Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street
London
SW1A 1PL

31 August 2021

R.W.Bro. Jonathan C. Roberts, P.G.J.W.
President of the Executive Committee

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

The Custodian Trustees of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees who served during the year and to the date of signing this report are:-

H Gould OBE
B C Wareham

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are as follows.

- The day to day management of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees.
- The management of the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees in order to be able to discharge any financial liability that they may correctly incur.
- The installation of the correct policies and procedures in order to monitor and control all financial transactions that they deem necessary.

The Executive Committee is also required to ensure that the future commitments of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are:

C D Davies
R W Freeman
J R Hodge
J N G Howitt
T F Jackson
D Jordan
A S McLaren
P Magnay, *DL*
C R Manuel
P A Norman
J C Roberts
Dr J L W Wright, *RD*

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

POLICY

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees seeks to maintain funds for special events and ceremonial meetings.

AUDITOR

Crowe U.K. LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as auditor.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 2 March 2021 and signed on its behalf

**J C Roberts
PRESIDENT**

**R A Williams
GRAND SECRETARY**

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
INCOME		
Profit on Sale of Investments	0	<i>0</i>
Investment income	0	<i>0</i>
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	0	<i>0</i>
EXPENDITURE		
Bank charges	<hr/>	<hr/>
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SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	0	<i>0</i>
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Notes:

The following sums were received into The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons General Fund by way of dues, fees etc. from members of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees during the year ended 31 August 2020.

	2020	<i>2019</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Annual Dues	126,802	<i>123,070</i>
Registration Fees	6,007	<i>7,890</i>
Warrants (at cost)	317	<i>127</i>
Fees of Honour	11,400	<i>12,698</i>
Dispensations	553	<i>1,023</i>
Year Book	3,072	<i>3,036</i>
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	148,151	<i>147,844</i>
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The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>
Represented by:			
CAPITAL FUND			
Balance at 1 September 2019	4	3,124	3,124
Surplus for the year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2020		<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>

These results have been audited as part of the overall group audit of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The auditors, Crowe UK LLP, have confirmed that in their opinion, these results are consistent with the figures included in the GLMMM financial statements for which they gave an unqualified report on 25 January 2021.

J N G Howitt
Grand Treasurer

Date: 2 March 2021

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. ENTITY INFORMATION

The Grand Council Of The Order Of The Allied Masonic Degrees is an unincorporated association and operates from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applicable to small entities.

All activities contained within these financial statements are continuing.

3. CORPORATION TAX

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees has received dispensation from HM Revenue & Customs to be treated as dormant with respect to untaxed income. No tax is payable on income received gross up to a specified level.

4. CAPITAL FUND

Balance at 1 September 2019	3,124	3,124
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account	0	0
Balance at 31 August 2020	3,124	3,124

NOTICES

1. GRAND COUNCIL

Secretaries of all Councils are required to forward copies of this Summons to Worshipful Brothers and to all other Brethren who wish to attend the Annual Meeting.

2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Annual Meeting of Grand Council at approximately 3p.m. in the Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA.

Brethren who wish to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Grand Council website:

<https://www.markmasonshall.org/amd-events/grand-council-2021-fb/individual-registration>

Alternatively, reservations may also be made via email to: **amdsupport@mmh.org.uk** provided a completed dining form is attached which includes full debit/credit card details for payment of the requisite dining fee, or by sending a completed reservation form, together with payment of the dining fee of £52.00 to Masonic Support Services on or before Tuesday, **12 October 2021**. Dining places are restricted at this event which may cause the registration for dining to be closed earlier than advertised.

Dining fees will be processed before the event. Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to **7 days** prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded.

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.facebook.com/markmasonshall

Twitter: [@MarkMasonsHall](https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall)

4. KEYSTONE ONLINE

All documents relating to the administration of Districts/Inspectorates and Councils are now available in the new document store on Keystone Online. Secretaries are advised not to save copies to a PC or District/Inspectorate 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 Grand Council website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charity

6. HOSPITALITY AT MARK MASONS' HALL

From **1 September 2021**, the Carvery at 86 St James will be 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 via email to **info@86stjames.com** or by telephone: 020 7747 1180.

To coincide with the UGLE Quarterly Communications at Freemasons' Hall, we can guarantee the Carvery Restaurant will be open on the second Wednesdays in March, June, September and December. Advance booking is required and you can be seated between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m., finishing at 4 p.m.

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 11.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Further information is available on the 86 St James website:

<http://86hospitality.info>

7. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall and via our website:

www.shopat86.co.uk

The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). Orders may also be placed by telephone or email:

Tel: 020 7747 1191

regalia@mmh.org.uk