

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

IN MEMORIAM

M.W.Bro. Timothy John Lewis
Grand Master
June 1992 to October 1996

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

15 September 2022

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Annual Meeting of Grand Council will be held on Tuesday, **25 October 2022, at 1.15p.m.** in the Grand Temple, **Freemasons' Hall, 60 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 11.15a.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 propose that the Minutes of the meeting of Grand Council held on Tuesday, 26 October 2021, as circulated with the summons for this meeting, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2022, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To present the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022, as printed in **Appendix B**.
6. To receive the report of the Grand Treasurer on the accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022.
7. To propose amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations as detailed in **Appendix C**.
8. To elect and proclaim the Grand Master.
9. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Deputy Grand Master.
10. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
11. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for 2022/2023.
12. To appoint professionally qualified and registered Auditors in accordance with Regulation 20 (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
13. 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. C. H. Bull, P.Dist.G.Pref. (West Midlands)
14. 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. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Devon and Cornwall)
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref. (East Anglia)
15. The Grand Master will address Grand Council.
16. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Council.
17. To close Grand Council.

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the twelve months ended 31 August 2022

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2022, 219 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2022 was 4,857.

2. In Memoriam

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

M.W.Bro. Timothy John Lewis, P.G.M.
R.W.Bro. William Richard Seddon, P.Dist.G.Pref. (West Lancashire)
R.W.Bro. Anthony Clive Moles, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. John George Scurr, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. Lawrence Tinkler, P.G.J.W.
V.W.Bro. Alan Brown, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Harold Wilford Hampton, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. John Brian Haslam, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. William Thomas Hone, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Nathaniel Killen, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Eric Mitchell, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. John Raymond Orr, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Aubrey Temple, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Richard Filmer Wilson, P.G.Reg.
W.Bro. Whilston Davis Taylor, *OD, JP*, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Frank Neil Thomas, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Malcolm Macfarlane Thomson, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. David James Alexander, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Bryan Alan Bailes, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Richard Neil Bedells, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Frank Cooke, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Andrew George Davies, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Stephen Davison, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Charles Alexander Floodgate, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. John Hart, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. David Sparks, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Fredrick Henry Wheeler, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. David Kinsey, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Errol John Paterson, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. John Peter Wilson, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Revd David Edward Bennett, P.A.G.Chap.
W.Bro. Christopher Arthur Boorman, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Bernard Thomas Davies, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Paul Herbert Davis, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. George Devine, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. William Henry Fletcher, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Laurence Edward Hughes, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. George Austin Keen, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David Hartley Lees, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. George Edward Morris, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. John Howard Peters, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. John Douglas Arthur Platts, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Lindsay Preece, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Peter Ernst Ribí, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Michael Arthur Richards, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. John Philip Smith, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Graham Howard Sumner, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. James Edward Westbrook, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Geoffrey David Worrall, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Revd David Lionel Allonby, *OBE*, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Dennis Cope, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Tor Ingemar Lundegard, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. David Russell, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Roger Anthony Sherwin, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Frank Aubrey Tarbuck, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Robin Whittam, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. John William Wilson, P.G.I.G.

- 2a. The Executive Committee also report, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 to 15 September 2022:

V.W.Bro. John Brian Rodgers, P.G.Reg.
W.Bro. Michael Graham Langley, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Lance Stephen Coomer, P.G.St.B.

3. **Appointments**

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

W.Bro. Joseph Patrick Anthony McCollum, P.G.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for WEST MIDLANDS in succession to R.W.Bro. Clifford Howard Bull, with effect from 29 January 2022;

W.Bro. Brian Butterfield, P.G.St.B., to be District Grand Prefect for YORKSHIRE in succession to R.W.Bro. Graham Bailey, with effect from 28 May 2022.

W.Bro. Steven Graeme Barratt, P.G.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for EAST MIDLANDS in succession to R.W.Bro. Richard William Davis, with effect from 20 August 2022.

4. **Warrants of Constitution**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant for the following new Council:

Spire Council No. 283 – East Midlands

5. **Warrant of Confirmation**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Confirmation for the following Council:

Enosis Council No. 276 – Unattached (Greece)

6. **Centenary Warrants**

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

Staley Council No. 41 – Cheshire and North Wales

Perseverance Council No. 42 – East Lancashire

7. **Council in Abeyance**

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

Bromsgrove Council No. 71 – West Midlands

8. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **9 June 2023** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

9. Fees and Annual Dues

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year **1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023** 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 2022 to 31 August 2023).....	£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 – 2022/2023).....	£15.00
A Joining Brother already registered (50% reduction – 2022/2023)	£11.50
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 the United Kingdom. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

10. 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.

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

15 September 2022

R.W.Bro. Jonathan C. Roberts, P.G.J.W., Pres.E.C.
R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.

Appendix B

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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 2021.

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 (Deceased 29 December 2020)

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 Davis

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 2021**

INVESTMENT 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 5 April 2022 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 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME		
Profit on Sale of Investments	0	0
Investment income	0	0
	0	0
EXPENDITURE		
Bank charges		
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	0	0

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 2021.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Annual Dues	123,994	126,802
Registration Fees	935	6,007
Warrants (at cost)	95	317
Fees of Honour	10,480	11,400
Dispensations	132	553
Year Book	3,084	3,072
	138,720	148,151

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 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
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 2020	4	3,124	3,124
Surplus for the year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2021		<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 24 January 2022.

J N G Howitt
Grand Treasurer

Date: 5 April 2022

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 2021

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 2020	3,124	<i>3,124</i>
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account	0	<i>0</i>
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Balance at 31 August 2021	3,124	<i>3,124</i>

Appendix C

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS

SECTION E—PRIVATE COUNCILS

Insert the following text:

95 (vi) The Council may by resolution authorise the Treasurer, but on no pretence any other Brother, to make payments from the Council's account by electronic means; in the absence of any such resolution all payments from Council funds shall be made by cash or by cheque.

95 (vii) The Council shall each year at the Installation Meeting elect two subscribing members of the Council (other than the Treasurer, Worshipful Master, Wardens, and the Secretary) to act as auditors.

105. A Brother may give notice of resignation of his membership either in open Council or by letter **or email** to the Secretary, and such notice, unless withdrawn, shall take effect as from the date on which it is given, unless the notice itself states some other date in the current Council year. A notice by letter **or email** may be withdrawn prior to its communication to the Council, and if when notice of resignation is communicated to the Council, whether by the member or the Secretary, the Council pass a resolution asking for its withdrawal, it may be withdrawn at or before the next regular meeting of the Council. ...

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/allied-masonic-degrees/grand-council>

Group 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 £55.00 to Masonic Support Services on or before Tuesday, **11 October 2022**.

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 available in the 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

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 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 Wednesday 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 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 the 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 email: **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or Tel: **020 7747 1191**.