

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. IAN ANTHONY BAILEY
Deputy Grand Master

IN MEMORIAM

M.W.Bro. Michael Edward Herbert
Grand Master
October 1996 to October 2011

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

September 2024

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Annual Meeting of Grand Council will be held on Tuesday, **22 October 2024**, at **1 p.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, Grand Stewards, and the Grand Tyler designate at the rehearsal commencing at 11 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

V.W.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.Reg.
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, 24 October 2023, 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 2024, 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 2022 to 31 August 2023, as printed in **Appendix B**.
6. To receive the report on the accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024.
7. To consider proposed amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations.
8. To elect and proclaim the Grand Master.
9. To appoint 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 2024/2025.
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.
16. To close Grand Council.

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the twelve months ended 31 August 2024

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2024, 206 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2024 was 4,809.

2. In Memoriam

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

M.W.Bro. Michael Edward Herbert, P.G.M.
R.W.Bro. Michael James Leslie Whelan, *JP*, Dist.G.Pref. for Southern Counties
R.W.Bro. Ronald Webster, P.Dist.G.Pref. (South Africa)
R.W.Bro. Keith Barry Jackson, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Michael George Spencer, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Bernard Leopold Neuhaus, P.G.J.W.
V.W.Bro. Elias Menashi Heskell Dangoor, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Bryan Hodgson, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Roger Joseph Ernest O'Brien, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Brian Anthony Vickers, P.G.Reg.
W.Bro. Gordon Craigs, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. George Vincent Lawson, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Robert Poxon, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Howard Andre Beber, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Peter Ernest Albert Fotheringham, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. David George Fox, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Anthony Frederick Golds, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Timothy Hancock, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Colin James Innes, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Louis Maurice Keats, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Eric Lysons, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Geoffrey Moore, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Geoffrey Roberts, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Colin Albert Scull, *JP*, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Thomas Gareth Williams, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Trevor Rodney Wilson, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Peter William Browne, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. John Leslie Jarvis, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Charles Frederick Stancer, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Dr MC Black, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Alfred John Day, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Capt. Herbert Charles Farlow, *RM*, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David Gareth Gait, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David Anthony Gurney, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Peter Geoffrey Hill, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David Geoffrey Russell Hunt, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Dennis Onslow, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Richard Dennis Waitt, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Eric Wells-Brown, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Thomas Henry Wise, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Stuart Burrows, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Philip Michael Dodson, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. John Harwood, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Raymond William Hudson, P.G.I.G.

W.Bro. Neville Griffith Jarrett, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Reginald John Marton, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Brian Fraser Muir, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Eyo Nsa Nkune, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. David Rogers, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Michael Joseph Scard, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Anthony Peter Stratton, P.G.I.G.
W.Bro. Brian Stephen Thompson, P.G.Stwd.

2a. The Executive Committee also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 September to 23 September 2024:

R.W.Bro. John Stuart Farley, P.Dist.G.Pref.
V.W.Bro. David Norman Webb, P.G.Reg.
W.Bro. Ivor Cook, P.G.I.G.

3. **Appointments**

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

W.Bro. Lawrence James Hinde, P.S.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND in succession to R.W.Bro. Joseph Edward Crosby, with effect from 18 November 2023;

W.Bro. Graham Newton, P.G.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for EAST LANCASHIRE in succession to R.W.Bro. Mervin Frank Wilson, with effect from 4 May 2024;

W.Bro. Anthony James Green, P.G.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for SOUTHERN COUNTIES with effect from 26 October 2024 in succession to the late R.W.Bro. Michael James Leslie Whelan, *JP*.

4. **Warrant of Constitution**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant for St Lawrence's Treasure Council No. 285 – Unattached (Greece)

5. **Warrant of Reponement**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant for St John and St Paul Council No. 3 – Unattached (Malta)

6. **Amalgamation of Councils**

The Executive Committee noted that the members of The Earl Godwin Council No. 187 and Monceux Council No. 274 had resolved to amalgamate. The amalgamated Council will be known as THE EARL GODWIN OF MONCEUX Council No. 187 (Sussex).

7. **Warrants Surrendered**

The Executive Committee noted that the members of the following Councils had voted to surrender their Warrants:

Bromsgrove Council No. 71 (West Midlands)
Dartmouth Castle No. 177 (Devon and Cornwall)

8. **Grand Honours**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **3 June 2025** 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 2024 to 31 August 2025** 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 2024 to 31 August 2025) £33.00
Annual Dues – Installed Masters’ Councils £16.50
Registration of a Brother on Reception £30.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered £30.00
A Joining Brother already registered £23.00
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 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

23 September 2024

R.W.Bro. Jonathan C. Roberts, P.G.J.W., Pres.E.C.
V.W.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.Reg., G.Sec.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations

Insert new text as follows:

SECTION E—PRIVATE COUNCILS

97. (ii) (a) A candidate cannot be received, introduced and admitted into the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr unless he is a Master Mason, a Mark Master Mason and a Royal Arch Mason. **Whenever possible, candidates for the Degree of St Lawrence the Martyr should go through the ceremony individually. However, when deemed necessary, candidates may be received in multiple numbers, save that no more than five candidates may be introduced in any one ceremony except by Dispensation from the Grand Master.**

Appendix B

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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 2023.

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*

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:

I A Bailey

C H Bull

C D Davies (Appointed 24 October 2023)

Dr G J Davies (Appointed 24 October 2023)

R W Freeman

G R Goddard

J N G Howitt (Deceased 29 July 2023)

T F Jackson

R F Knight (Retired 24 October 2023)

A S McLaren

P Magnay, *DL*

P A Norman

J C Roberts

M G Spencer (Retired 24 October 2023)

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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 10 April 2024 and signed on its behalf

**J C Roberts
PRESIDENT**

**D M Heath
GRAND SECRETARY**

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

| | 2023 | <i>2022</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | |
| Profit on Sale of Investments | 0 | <i>0</i> |
| Bank Interest | 43 | <i>0</i> |
| Investment income | 0 | <i>0</i> |
| | 43 | <i>0</i> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Bank charges | 0 | <i>0</i> |
| | 0 | <i>0</i> |
| SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | 43 | <i>0</i> |

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 2023.

| | 2023 | <i>2022</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Annual Dues | 118,678 | <i>79,901</i> |
| Registration Fees | 3,314 | <i>3,708</i> |
| Warrants (at cost) | 158 | <i>127</i> |
| Fees of Honour | 10,419 | <i>8,842</i> |
| Dispensations | 1,561 | <i>1,374</i> |
| Year Book | 3,108 | <i>3,156</i> |
| | 137,238 | <i>97,108</i> |

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 2023

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>3,167</u> | <u>3,124</u> |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>3,167</u> | <u>3,124</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>3,167</u> | <u>3,124</u> |
| Represented by: | | | |
| CAPITAL FUND | | | |
| Balance at 1 September 2022 | 4 | 3,124 | 3,124 |
| Surplus for the year | | <u>43</u> | <u>0</u> |
| BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2023 | | <u>3,167</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 29 January 2024.

G L Flight
Acting Grand Treasurer

Date: 10 April 2024

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 2023

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 2022 | 3,124 | <i>3,124</i> |
| Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account | 43 | <i>0</i> |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Balance at 31 August 2023 | 3,167 | <i>3,124</i> |

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 £61 / £64 (cheese & biscuits) to Masonic Support Services on or before **Tuesday, 15 October 2024**.
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 **<https://www.instagram.com/markmasonshall/>**
www.facebook.com/markmasonshall **X: @MarkMasonsHall**
<https://www.youtube.com/@markmasonshall86>
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 2.30p.m., finishing at 4p.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 M.M.H. and via the website: **www.shopat86.co.uk**
The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30p.m. (Monday to Friday).
Orders may also be placed by email: **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or Tel: **020 7747 1191**.



Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No. 207610

Grand Master's Keystone Fund



The Grand Master's Keystone Fund (GMKF) was launched at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge in June 2023 in celebration of over 40 years dedicated service by HRH Prince Michael of Kent, *GCVO*, Grand Master. 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 grant awards to individuals to offer encouragement and financial support with their educational, vocational and sporting achievements.

BENEFICIARIES—Applications for a Grand Master's Keystone Fund bursary will be open to children, stepchildren or grandchildren of a member of any of the Masonic Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall.

ADMINISTRATION—The fund is administered by the Mark Benevolent Fund board of trustees. Notification of application invitations will be given in due course. 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 new distinctive design of button.

DONATION QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE

| | |
|---|---------|
| INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS | £100.00 |
| Metal Jewel (including Button)..... | £50.00 |
| Silver Gilt Jewel (including Button) | £115.00 |
| LODGES (per subscribing member)..... | £25.00 |
| PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, DIVISIONS, INSPECTORATES (per subscribing member) | £10.00 |
| Metal Jewel (including Button)..... | £60.00 |
| Silver Gilt Jewel (including Button) | £125.00 |
| GMKF Button for individuals to replace their existing Button | £15.00 |
| GMKF Button for units to replace their existing Button..... | £25.00 |
| 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—GMKF donation forms are available to download from the Document Store on the Mark Masons' Hall website: www.markmasonshall.org.

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