

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, G.C.H.C.

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

August 2025

Dear Sir and Reverend Knight

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Priory of England and Wales will be held on **Thursday, 11 September 2025** 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

D.M. Heath

V.Revd.Kt. Daniel Mark Heath
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.

AGENDA

1. Grand Priory will be opened.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Grand Priory held on Thursday, 12 September 2024, 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 2025, 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 Knights Commander of the Holy City.
8. To appoint, obligate, invest and proclaim the Regional Grand Prefect for Brigantes.
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 2025, 57 new members have joined the Order. The total subscribing membership of the Order, as at 30 June 2025, was 816.

2. **Obituary**

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

R.Revd.Kt. David John Walters, P.Reg.G.Pref. (Heart of England)

R.Revd.Kt. Thomas Richard Goodwin Heap, G.V.Gen.

V.Revd.Kt. Michael William Guest, P.G.Alm.

Revd.Kt. Norman Cartmell Joughin, P.Dep.Capt.Gd.Hon.

Revd.Kt. Roger Thomas Alfred Gray, P.G.I.Sent.

Revd.Kt. Selwyn Smith Beattie, P.G.I.Sent.

3. **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 cumulative total donated since the first Annual Meeting of Grand Priory on 28 May 2008 is £4,352.05.

The current balance of the accumulated alms collections in the Fund is £1,080.58.

4. **Grand Honours**

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

5. Fees and Annual Dues

The standard rates of registration and other fees payable to Grand Priory for the financial year **1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026** 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 2025 to 31 August 2026 £33.00

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.

6. 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, K.C.H.C., Pres.G.M.C.

V.Revd.Kt. Daniel M. Heath, K.B.H.C., G.Chan.

15 August 2025

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 3.30p.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/gp2025

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Thursday, 28 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: **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. 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
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.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

GRAND MASTER'S KEYSTONE FUND

Mark Benevolent Fund (Registered Charity No. 207610)

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 opened to members of the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and their dependents, on **1 July 2025**.

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, Prefectures and Inspectorates, which includes a distinctive new Button. Ladies' jewels are also available.

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 available. Please direct any additional queries to the G.M.K.F. Bursary Scheme Coordinator by email: gmkfbursaries@mmh.org.uk