

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



MINUTES
of the
COMMUNICATION
of **GRAND LODGE**
held on **Tuesday, 7 June 2022**

at 1 p.m. in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall
60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

PRESENT

M.W.Bro. **RAYMOND JOHN SMITH**
Pro Grand Master

R.W.Bro. **JOHN HERBERT PRIZEMAN**
Deputy Grand Master

Past Pro Grand Master
M.W.Bro. **R. V. Wallis, JP**

Past Deputy Grand Masters
R.W.Bro. **M. E. Herbert**
R.W.Bro. **H. K. Emmerson**

Provincial and District Grand Masters

R.W.Bro. **M. A. Cooper** District Grand Master for Germany
R.W.Bro. **S. B. Cobham** District Grand Master for South & East Caribbean
R.W.Bro. **K. Hodgson** Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland & Westmorland
R.W.Bro. **J. Steggles** Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. **J. Verbist** District Grand Master for Belgium
R.W.Bro. **K. J. Hicks** Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall
R.W.Bro. **I. N. Clark** Provincial Grand Master for Surrey
R.W.Bro. **Prof. D. K. Wilson** Provincial Grand Master for Durham
R.W.Bro. **D. R. Clancey** Provincial Grand Master for North & East Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. **K. A. Beardmore** Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire
R.W.Bro. **T. D. Sheern** Provincial Grand Master for Essex

R.W.Bro. D. E. Tremaine	Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire
R.W.Bro. E. J. Rymer	Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire
R.W.Bro. M. J. L. Whelan, <i>JP</i>	Provincial Grand Master for Dorset
R.W.Bro. D. A. Upton	Provincial Grand Master for Channel Islands
R.W.Bro. G. J. Deacon	Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire & Isle of Wight
R.W.Bro. T. R. E. Jones	Provincial Grand Master for South Wales
R.W.Bro. A. P. Beaumont	Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire
R.W.Bro. P. J. Balsom	Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire
R.W.Bro. M. R. Heenan	Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire & Shropshire
R.W.Bro. P. J. Mann	Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire & Rutland
R.W.Bro. G. R. Hicks	Provincial Grand Master for Dyfed
R.W.Bro. C. van Putten	District Grand Master for The Netherlands
R.W.Bro. E. R. Garty	Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex
R.W.Bro. P. Wills	Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire
R.W.Bro. D. R. Powell	Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire
R.W.Bro. R. M. Walker	Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire
R.W.Bro. K. Adimado	District Grand Master for Ghana
R.W.Bro. S. Rawlings	Provincial Grand Master for Bristol
R.W.Bro. S. C. Hallberg	Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire
R.W.Bro. P. C. Voisey	Provincial Grand Master for Somerset
R.W.Bro. I. W. Wright	Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire
R.W.Bro. T. Quinn	Provincial Grand Master for London
R.W.Bro. R. F. Richardson	Provincial Grand Master for Sussex
R.W.Bro. J. S. Evans	Provincial Grand Master for North Wales
R.W.Bro. R. A. Walton	Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland
R.W.Bro. D. J. Boswell	Provincial Grand Master for East Anglia
R.W.Bro. C. C. Adkin	Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire
R.W.Bro. G. D. Seeman	Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire
R.W.Bro. P. D. Williams	Provincial Grand Master for Kent
R.W.Bro. J. H. Smith	Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire
R.W.Bro. G. R. Hortsman	Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire
R.W.Bro. G. Hutchinson	Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire
R.W.Bro. B. P. Gargett	Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire & Herefordshire

Past Provincial and District Grand Masters

R.W.Bro. M. Meade, P.Prov.G.M., Wiltshire (2002–2010)
R.W.Bro. R. J. Wade, P.Prov.G.M., Kent (2003–2008)
R.W.Bro. G. F. W. Isaac, P.Prov.G.M., Cornwall (2004–2014)
R.W.Bro. F. C. Spencer, P.Prov.G.M., Worcestershire (2005–2015)
R.W.Bro. A. Morris, P.Prov.G.M., Leicestershire & Rutland (2005–2015)
R.W.Bro. G. E. Bonham, P.Prov.G.M., Northants & Hunts (2006–2017)
R.W.Bro. M. G. Spencer, P.Prov.G.M., Essex (2007–2015)
R.W.Bro. P. J. Sands, P.Prov.G.M., Berkshire (2007–2013)
R.W.Bro. D. J. F. Rawlins, P.Prov.G.M., Warwickshire (2007–2012)
R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, P.Prov.G.M., South Wales (2008–2016)
R.W.Bro. F. J. Shaw, P.Prov.G.M., Dorset (2008–2015)
R.W.Bro. G. C. Craigs, P.Prov.G.M., Northumberland (2009–2020)
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Prov.G.M., East Anglia (2010–2020)
R.W.Bro. C. M. Wilson, P.Prov.G.M., Sussex (2012–2020)
R.W.Bro. J. R. G. Hilditch, P.Prov.G.M., Oxfordshire (2012–2014)
R.W.Bro. P. Talbot, <i>JP</i> , P.Prov.G.M., North Wales (2012–2020)
R.W.Bro. R. S. Mac, P.Prov.G.M., Warwickshire (2012–2017)
R.W.Bro. D. Thomas, P.Prov.G.M., Monmouthshire (2013–2018)
R.W.Bro. R. J. Olliver, P.Prov.G.M., Berkshire (2013–2021)

R.W.Bro. R. Howard, P.Prov.G.M., Bedfordshire (2014–2021)
 R.W.Bro. D. N. Roberts, P.Dist.G.M., Natal (2014–2019)
 R.W.Bro. D. R. Sellers, P.Prov.G.M., Cheshire (2014–2022)
 R.W.Bro. His Hon. I. D. G. Alexander, QC, P.Prov.G.M., Oxfordshire (2014–2019)
 R.W.Bro. A. S. McLaren, P.Prov.G.M., East Lancashire (2015–2021)

Grand Officers of the Year

R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W. as Grand Senior Warden
 R.W.Bro. C. D. Hellyer..... Grand Junior Warden
 V.W.Bro. R. J. Bedford Grand Master Overseer
 V.W.Bro. T. D. Currans Grand Senior Overseer
 V.W.Bro. C. W. Eley Grand Junior Overseer
 R.W.Bro. Revd B. D. Harry, P.G.J.W. Grand Chaplain
 R.W.Bro. P. Hawken, *MBE*, P.Prov.G.M. (Devonshire)..... President of the General Board
 R.W.Bro. J. N. G. Howitt, P.G.S.W..... Grand Treasurer
 R.W.Bro. His Hon. K. C. Cutler, *CBE*, P.G.S.W. Grand Registrar
 V.W.Bro. J. Bell, P.G.M.O President of the Mark Benevolent Fund
 R.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, P.G.J.W. Grand Secretary
 W.Bro. C. M. L. Davies, Dep.G.D.C. as Grand Director of Ceremonies
 V.W.Bro. V. J. Driver, P.G.J.O. Grand Inspector of Works
 W.Bro. K. C. Archer, P.A.G.D.C. Grand Sword Bearer
 V.W.Bro. Revd A. W. Avery, P.G.J.O. Deputy Grand Chaplain
 V.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.J.O. Deputy President of the General Board
 W.Bro. R. C. Williams Deputy Grand Registrar
 R.W.Bro. D. F. Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London)..... Deputy President of the M.B.F.
 W.Bro. G. W. Allen Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. A. Cleightonhills Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. J. Roberts Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. F. M. Drake Deputy Grand Sword Bearer
 W.Bro. G. R. Glazier Grand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. C. James Grand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. M. R. M. Lloyd Grand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. J. T. Maxwell Grand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. D. J. Tucker Grand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. B. Weigleb Grand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. S. Groeger Grand Junior Deacon
 W.Bro. A. H. Thomas Grand Junior Deacon
 W.Bro. S. J. Trevains Grand Junior Deacon
 W.Bro. Revd J. T. Parker Assistant Grand Chaplain
 W.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.S.D. Assistant Grand Secretary
 W.Bro. R. W. Chilvers Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. C. Hicks Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. H. L. Smith Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. D. Mersh Assistant Grand Inspector of Works
 V.W.Bro. M. Rizzardi, P.G.J.O. Grand Organist
 W.Bro. J. W. Jarvis Grand Standard Bearer
 W.Bro. J. A. Stribling Grand Standard Bearer
 W.Bro. R. J. Russell Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
 W.Bro. P. G. Bowen Assistant Grand Organist
 W.Bro. D. J. Merrick Grand Inner Guard
 W.Bro. G. A. Tuckett Assistant Grand Inner Guard
 W.Bro. R. M. Anderson Grand Steward
 W.Bro. C. S. Clark Grand Steward
 W.Bro. P. C. Dolby Grand Steward

W.Bro. O. Hiwaizi	Grand Steward
W.Bro. A. E. Inglesfield	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. Kilic	Grand Steward
W.Bro. E. Kusminoff	Grand Steward
W.Bro. A. J. Logan	Grand Steward
W.Bro. S. J. Lord	Grand Steward
W.Bro. I. P. MacGrain	Grand Steward
W.Bro. P. McGrath	Grand Steward
W.Bro. R. Mussell	Grand Steward
W.Bro. A. F. Sheret	Grand Steward
W.Bro. P. Steele	Grand Steward
W.Bro. P. A. Watson	Grand Steward
W.Bro. P. A. Wicking	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. J. Wilkinson	Grand Steward
W.Bro. R. E. Wilkinson	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. J. Winfield	Grand Steward

Past Grand Wardens

- R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*, P.G.S.W., 2011
- R.W.Bro. R. A. H. Morrow, P.G.J.W., 2004
- R.W.Bro. J. E. Green, P.G.J.W., 2013
- R.W.Bro. Lt Cdr. A. P. D. Hannagan, *RD, MStJ*, P.G.J.W., 2015
- R.W.Bro. J. A. Harrison, P.G.J.W., 2018
- R.W.Bro. Lt Col. J. C. Chambers, P.G.J.W., 2019
- R.W.Bro. R. C. Clarke, P.G.J.W., 2020
- R.W.Bro. B. D. Harry, P.G.J.W., 2021

Brethren from Overseas

BAHAMAS AND TURKS

- W.Bro. B. J. Packington

BELGIUM

- V.W.Bro. F. Clarembaux, P.G.J.O.
- V.W.Bro. D. Shields, P.G.J.O.
- W.Bro. G. E. A. Denys, P.A.G.D.C., Dep.Dist.G.M.
- W.Bro. F. E. P. C. G. Allebosch, P.A.G.Swd.B.
- Bro. A. E. Willocx

GERMANY

- V.W.Bro. J. MacKinnon, P.G.J.O., Dep.Dist.G.M
- W.Bro. D. J. McDougall, P.A.G.D.C.
- W.Bro. M. P. Parnham
- W.Bro. R. Sampimon
- W.Bro. M. Winter
- W.Bro. A. G. Cox
- W.Bro. N. W. Schoen, P.A.G.Swd.B.
- Bro. D. Pearson

GHANA

- W.Bro. Hon. K. O. Assiamah, P.A.G.D.C.
- W.Bro. K. Taylor-Appiah, P.A.G.D.C., Dist.G.Sec.
- W.Bro. P. K. A. Addison
- W.Bro. P. K. Addison
- W.Bro. P. K. Hammond

W.Bro. M. A. F. Ribeiro, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. G. K. E. Mill
Bro. J. B. K. Koomson
Bro. F. H. N. Davies
Bro. C. N. Omari

HONG KONG

W.Bro. R. W. Bull, P.A.G.D.C.

JAMAICA & THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

V.W.Bro. W. H. Scott, P.G.J.O.

THE NETHERLANDS

V.W.Bro. W. M. Schwab, P.G.J.O.
W.Bro. P. Kirpensteijn, P.G.S.D., Dep.Dist.G.M.
W.Bro. W. A. P. Haulez, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. W. M. Droogers
W.Bro. H. V. Tuil
W.Bro. R. A. Verway
W.Bro. M. D. Heus
W.Bro. H. E. Van De Baan
W.Bro. C. J. Nederstigt

NIGERIA

W.Bro. L. S. Sams
W.Bro. S. A. Campbell
Bro. R. T. Agwa

RIVER PLATE

W.Bro. C. A. Thompson, P.A.G.D.C.

SINGAPORE

W.Bro. J. G. Bones, P.G.S.D.
Bro. R. Singh

SOUTH AND EAST CARIBBEAN

V.W.Bro. G. L. Gill, *SLMM*, P.G.J.O.
W.Bro. S. C. R. Gill, P.G.S.D., Dist.G.Sec.
W.Bro. R. A. Mayers, *JP*
W.Bro. T. Sankar
Bro. J. J. K. Herrera
Bro. J. T. Ambrose

SPAIN

W.Bro. V. Climente-Valero, P.G.J.D.

New Quarries Lodge No. 1903 (Unattached – Austria):

Bro. D. Pavlak
Bro. M. Rajic

Itawa Lodge No. 1442 (Unattached – Zambia):

W.Bro. M. Mulenga

ROMANIA

V.W.Bro. C. Mihutoiu, G.Insp.
W.Bro. C. Florin
W.Bro. D. Adrian
W.Bro. S. Florin
W.Bro. I. S. Alexandru
W.Bro. G. Anatolie
Bro. A. Liviu
W.Bro. P. Gabriel
W.Bro. S. Andrei
W.Bro. C. Sandu
W.Bro. P. Ion
Bro. I. Dragos
Bro. N. Laurentiu
Bro. L. Florin
Bro. L. Daniel
Bro. M. Daniel
Bro. B. Ovidiu
Bro. I. Bogdan
Bro. G. Gabriel
Bro. B. Dan
Bro. B. Marius
Bro. C. George
Bro. D. Marius
Bro. D. C. Dimitriu
Bro. C. T. Constantin
Bro. T. S. Alexandru
Bro. C. Dumitru
Bro. D. Marius
Bro. D. Iulian
Bro. G. Catalin
Bro. G. Victor
Bro. N. E. Viorel
Bro. P. B. Iulia
Bro. V. Elod
Bro. V. D. Georgel
W.Bro. G. C. Gheorghita
Bro. T. Andrei
Bro. C. C. Ioan
Bro. P. R. Nicolae
Bro. N. F. Saral
Bro. T. Octavian
Bro. D. A. Adrian
Bro. M. V. Nicolae
Bro. L. I. Adrian

Bro. T. Alin
Bro. M. C. Eugen
Bro. B. Ioan
Bro. B. Dragos
Bro. I. G. Cristian
Bro. R. M. Ghasem
Bro. S. Lucian
Bro. T. M. Cornel
Bro. M. Cristian
W.Bro. A. C. Dorin
W.Bro. G. A. Petrisor
Bro. G. G. Gheorghe
Bro. S. I. Claudiu
Bro. G. L. Andrei
Bro. G. D. Mircea
Bro. B. Cristi
Bro. A. B. Cristian
Bro. S. Andrei
Bro. J. C. Mihai
Bro. L. D. Simion
Bro. S. M. V. Ionut
W.Bro. B. C. Laurentiu
W.Bro. M. Mihai
W.Bro. G. Eugen
Bro. V. R. Ioan
Bro. N. Grig
Bro. P. A. Ionut
Bro. S. B. Constantin
Bro. C. E. Mahu
Bro. D. Opris
Bro. D. O. Babes
Bro. C. S. Voinia
Bro. R. N. Pasca
Bro. F. N. Matei
Bro. F. Vacarasu
Bro. N. N. Vancu
Bro. C. R. Paiu
Bro. F. D. Pencea
Bro. D. I. Costin
Bro. M. Radu
Bro. O. R. Sorin
Bro. P. S. Nicolae
Bro. D. Tiberiu

Heads of Orders

R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, P.Prov.G.M. (South Wales)	Grand Master – Knights Templar
R.W.Bro. G. L. Flight, P.G.J.W.	Grand Sovereign – Red Cross of Constantine
R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.J.W.	Grand Master – RSM
R.W.Bro. T. F. Jackson, P.G.J.W.	Grand Master – Allied Masonic Degrees
W.Bro. Dr P. Mycock	First Grand Master Mason – The Operatives
W.Bro. C. G. Maiden, P.G.S.D.	Grand High Priest – Knight Templar Priests
W.Bro. A. W. Llewellyn	Supreme Magus – Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia
R.W.Bro. M. E. Herbert, P.Dep.G.M.	Grand Master – KBHC

Deputations from other Grand Lodges

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF VICTORIA

M.W.Bro. W. Jones, G.M.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA &
NORTHERN TERRITORY

W.Bro. M. J. Mann, G.S.D.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF FINLAND

M.W.Bro. V. Allenan, G.M.

M.W.Bro. A. Talvitie, P.G.M.

R.W.Bro. T. Majanen, Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. L. Pasi, Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. K. P. Hellgrén, G.Sec.

V.W.Bro. A. Nurminen, Dep.G.Sec.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF GREECE

M.W.Bro. A. Albanis, G.M.

R.W.Bro. D. J. M. Wilson, G.S.W.

NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF SWITZERLAND

M.W.Bro. C. Corbat, G.M.

R.W.Bro. F. Waridel, Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. C. Mills, P.G.S.W.

V.W.Bro. M. Strasser, G.Reg.Mks.

V.W.Bro. R. Bloch, G.Sec.

V.W.Bro. B. Wakim, G.D.C.

W.Bro. S. Cutts

GRANDE LOGE DE MARQUE DE FRANCE RÉUNIE

M.W.Bro. D. Paquet, G.M.

V.W.Bro. P. P Mairesse, *MSMVS*

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF RIO DE JANEIRO-BRAZIL

M.W.Bro. W. S. Neto, G.M.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ESTONIA

M.W.Bro. K. Küttis, G.M.

M.W.Bro. A. Oidsalu, P.G.M.

GRANDE LODGE OF THE STATE OF ESPIRITO SANTO-BRAZIL

R.W.Bro. J. H. V. D. Santos, A.G.M.

And a number of Past Grand Officers, Masters, Wardens, Overseers, Past Masters and other Brethren.

Report of Proceedings

1. OPENING

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master announced that since the last meeting of Grand Lodge the Great Overseer of the Universe had called a number of Brethren to higher service. He mentioned in particular the loss of R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, A.G.M.; R.W.Bro. Timothy John Lewis, P.Prov.G.M. (London), P.G.Sec.; R.W.Bro. Norman Sydney Manser, P.Prov.G.M. (Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire); R.W.Bro. Peter Ernst Ribbi, P.G.S.W. and P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Switzerland; R.W.Bro. Michael Bernard Shepley Higham, RN, P.G.J.W.; and R.W.Bro. Kenneth Keast, P.G.J.W. In addition, there were 53 Grand Officers detailed in the report of the General Board.

The Brethren stood to order while the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 8 March 2022, which had been circulated with the Summons, were taken as read, approved and adopted.

4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The Report of the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the three months ended 31 March 2022, as printed in **Appendix A** of the summons, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

A Notice of Motion to amend the Constitutions and Regulations, as detailed in **Appendix B** of the summons, was proposed by the President of the General Board. This was seconded by the Grand Secretary and the motion was approved and adopted.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO THE GENERAL BOARD

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren will serve on the General Board:

V.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.M.O., Dep.Pres.G.Bd. (President designate)
R.W.Bro. R. J. Olliver, P.Prov.G.M. (Berkshire), Deputy President designate
M.W.Bro. R. J. Smith, Pro Grand Master
R.W.Bro. J. H. Prizeman, Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. F. C. Spencer, P.Prov.G.M., G.D.C. (A.G.M. designate)
R.W.Bro. J. N. G. Howitt, P.G.S.W., G.Treas.
R.W.Bro. His Hon. Judge K. C. Cutler, CBE, P.G.J.W., G.Reg.
R.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.
V.W.Bro. C. M. L. Davies, Dep.G.D.C. (G.D.C. designate)
R.W.Bro. J. Steggles, Prov.G.M. for West Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. Prof. D. K. Wilson, Prov.G.M. for Durham

7. ELECTIONS TO THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for election to the General Board:

R.W.Bro. Ian Nelson Clark, Prov.G.M. for Surrey
R.W.Bro. Eric John Rymer, Prov.G.M. for Worcestershire

There having been no other nominations and there being two vacancies, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master declared these Brethren duly elected.

8. (a) MEMBERSHIP OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF MARK MASONS' HALL
The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master called upon the Grand Secretary to announce the appointment of the following Brethren to serve on the Management Board:
- M.W.Bro. R. J. Smith, Pro G.M. – Chair
R.W.Bro. J. H. Prizeman, Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. F. C. Spencer, A.G.M.
R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, P.Prov.G.M. (South Wales)
R.W.Bro. G. L. Flight, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. T. F. Jackson, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. A. C. Sweeney, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. I. S. Currans, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. J. N. G. Howitt, P.G.S.W., G.Treas.
R.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.
V.W.Bro. J. C. Whitaker, JP, P.G.J.O
9. APPOINTMENTS TO THE APPEAL COURT
The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master called upon the Grand Secretary to announce the appointment the following Brethren to membership of the Appeal Court:
- R.W.Bro. His Hon. I. D. G. Alexander, QC, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire)
R.W.Bro. G. E. Bonham, P.Prov.G.M. (Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire)
V.W.Bro. J. C. Whitaker, JP, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. L. E. Bourne, JP, P.G.J.O
W.Bro. M. C. W. Hall-Smith, P.A.G.Reg.
W.Bro. M. St J. French, P.A.G.Reg.
10. ELECTIONS TO THE APPEAL COURT
The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master called upon the Grand Secretary to announce the following Brethren nominated for election by Grand Lodge to the Appeal Court:
- R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. R. L. Gan, JP, P.Prov.G.M. (Middlesex)
V.W.Bro. Revd W. D. Payne-Jeremiah, SBStJ, JP, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. Cdr C. J. Aspinell, RD, JP, P.G.J.O.
W.Bro. Revd M. C. G. Lane, JP, P.Dep.G.Chap.
- There having been no other nominations and there being six vacancies, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master declared these Brethren duly elected.
11. MARK BENEVOLENT FUND
The President of the Mark Benevolent Fund advised the Brethren that the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund had made grants to the following worthy causes:
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| The Christie Charity | £28,795 |
| Derian House Children's Hospice | £28,075 |
| Bee Unique | £26,669 |
| Inspectorate of Romania – Ukrainian Appeal | £25,000 |
| Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team | £24,561 |
| Sutton Women's Centre | £4,327 |
12. (a) ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.
The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for election by Grand Lodge to serve as Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund:
- R.W.Bro. Kevin John Hicks, Prov.G.M. for Cornwall
R.W.Bro. Ian Nelson Clark, Prov.G.M. for Surrey
R.W.Bro. David Richard Powell, Prov.G.M. for Monmouthshire
- There having been no other nominations and there being three vacancies, the Pro Grand Master declared these Brethren duly elected.

(b) TRUSTEES OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been appointed to serve as Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund:

R.W.Bro. Richard John Olliver, P.Prov.G.M. (Berkshire)

R.W.Bro. Michael James Leslie Whelan, *JP*, Prov.G.M. for Dorset

R.W.Bro. Roger Francis Richardson, Prov.G.M. for Sussex

(c) The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been co-opted to serve as Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund:

R.W.Bro. Alexander Sillars McLaren, P.Prov.G.M. for East Lancashire

R.W.Bro. James Steggles, Prov.G.M. for West Yorkshire

Bro. Dr Tapesh Chandra Pakrashi

In addition to the stated appointments and elections to the Board of Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund, it was also confirmed that the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint V.W.Bro. John Bell, P.G.M.O., as President and R.W.Bro. David Frederick Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London) as Deputy President.

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Trust Deed, V.W.Bro. William Arthur Divall, P.G.M.O., will join the Board of Trustees following his appointment as President of the General Board.

13. ELECTION OF AUDITORS

The President of the General Board proposed that Crowe U.K. LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be elected as auditors to Grand Lodge for the financial year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. This was seconded by the Grand Secretary and the proposition carried without objection.

14. PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND MASTER

The Brethren stood to order while the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed M.W.Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, as Grand Master by his several styles as follows:

Be it known that HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE MICHAEL GEORGE CHARLES FRANKLIN OF KENT of Kensington Palace in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in the County of Greater London; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; Knight of Justice of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem; Honorary Vice Admiral of the Royal Naval Reserve; Honorary Colonel in Her Majesty's Army; Honorary Air Marshal of the Royal Air Force; Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex in the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Grand Master, etc., etc., etc., etc., has been elected and this day proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies called upon the Brethren to salute the The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

15. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary advised the Brethren that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith as Pro Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The acting Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the Brethren to order and proclaimed the Pro Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that RAYMOND JOHN SMITH, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Knight Commander in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Senior General in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Registrar in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Counsellor in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathon, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Pro Grand Master, etc., etc., etc., etc., has been appointed and this day proclaimed Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve.

The Pro Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Pro Grand Master returned thanks.

16. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary advised the Brethren that the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to re-appoint R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman as Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the Brethren to order and proclaimed the Deputy Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that JOHN HERBERT PRIZEMAN, Past Junior Grand Deacon in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past First Great Constable in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31st Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Prefect in the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Counsellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Registrar in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathon, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in the Provincial Grand Senatus of Hampshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands in the Grand Senatus of

the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Past Grand Seventh Pillar and Knight of Holy Wisdom in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Past Substitute Provincial Grand Master in the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Southern Counties of England in the Royal Order of Scotland; Deputy Grand Master, etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve.

The Deputy Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Deputy Grand Master returned thanks.

17. APPOINTMENT, OBLIGATION, INVESTITURE, INSTALLATION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary advised the Brethren that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to appoint R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer as Assistant Grand Master.

Having ascertained that the Assistant Grand Master designate was in attendance, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master directed the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and conduct him into Grand Lodge.

The Escort retired. The Brethren were called to order and the Escort re-entered Grand Lodge accompanying R.W.Bro. Spencer, P.Prov.G.M., G.D.C., Assistant Grand Master designate.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master addressed R.W.Bro. Spencer as follows:

‘Right Worshipful Brother Francis Charles Spencer, in appointing you Assistant Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has in mind your undoubted commitment to our Order, your record of leadership as Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire and your ceremonial and ritual capabilities displayed during your term as Grand Director of Ceremonies. I am fully confident that you will prove yourself to be as eminently distinguished in your new office as your illustrious predecessors, but I must now ask if you are able and willing to undertake the duties of the high office to which you have been appointed?’

The Assistant Grand Master designate answered in the affirmative and knelt to receive the benefit of prayer given by the Grand Chaplain.

R.W.Bro. Spencer then took the solemn obligation of Assistant Grand Master, and was invested and installed by the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the Brethren to order and proclaimed the Assistant Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that FRANCIS CHARLES SPENCER, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Sojourner in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Provincial Grand Master for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and a Member of the Grand Master’s Royal Ark Council of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; Past Great Aide-de-Camp in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Elected Knight Kadosh, 30th Degree, Knight of the Black and White Eagle in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past Grand Councillor

in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Registrar in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Guide in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Deputy Grand Summus of the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; A member of the VII degree, Honoris Causa, in the Worshipful Society of Freemasons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers; Assistant Grand Master, etc., etc., etc., has been appointed and this day proclaimed Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve.

The Assistant Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Assistant Grand Master returned thanks.

18. **INVESTITURE OF RECIPIENTS OF ACTIVE GRAND RANK AND BRETHERN IN RECEIPT OF FIRST APPOINTMENTS TO PAST GRAND RANK**

The Grand Secretary read the names of the Brethren who had been appointed to active office or first appointment by the Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master invested those present.

Active Officers 2022/2023

Grand Senior Warden.....	Thomas Firth Jackson
Grand Junior Warden	David Aspinwall
Grand Master Overseer	Gareth Hughes
Grand Senior Overseer	Christopher Gavin Maiden
Grand Junior Overseer	Roger William Odd
Grand Chaplain	The Revd Justin Trevelyan Parker
President of the General Board	William Arthur Divall, P.G.M.O.
Grand Treasurer	John Norman George Howitt, P.G.S.W.
Grand Registrar	His Hon. Judge Keith Charles Cutler, CBE, P.G.S.W.
President of the M.B.F.....	John Bell, P.G.M.O.
Grand Secretary	Ryan Andrew Williams, P.G.J.W.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	Christopher Martin Lee Davies
Grand Inspector of Works.....	Vincent John Driver, P.G.J.O.
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Anthony Edward Farrar
Deputy Grand Chaplain	Revd Anthony William Avery, P.G.J.O.
Deputy President of the General Board...	Richard John Olliver, P.Prov.G.M. (Berkshire)
Deputy Grand Registrar.....	Robert Charles Williams
Deputy President of the M.B.F.	David Frederick Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. (London)
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies.....	Gary Walter Allen
	Adrian Cleightonhills
	Andrew James Brown
Deputy Grand Inspector of Works	Raymond Wade
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	David Malcolm Wheeler
Grand Senior Deacons	Roger Deacon
	Simon Charles Finn
	Paul Kelvin-Smith
	Robert Maxwell McKillop
	John Herbert Vincent Moore
	Lt Col. Markus Winter

Grand Junior Deacons.....	Felix Emile Pierre Claude Ghis Allebosch Michael John Foster Paul Greenwood Dr Paul Mycock David Stewart Rose Brian Anthony Sarre
Assistant Grand Registrar	Simon Robert Dawes
Assistant Grand Secretary.....	Daniel Mark Heath, P.G.S.D.
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies	David Leslie Armstrong Anthony Edward William Bloxsome Paul Busby Francis William Edward Hatton Sunil Koliyot Pieter Jan Swinge
Assistant Grand Inspector of Works	Derek Mersh
Assistant Grand Sword Bearer	Andrew Christopher Rainbow
Grand Organist.....	Mario Rizzardi, P.G.J.O.
Grand Standard Bearers	Robert John Povall Ian Peter Vincent
Deputy Grand Organist.....	David Cynrig Timothy Gregory Roberts-Jones
Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.....	Brian Morris Pady Terence Peter Sefton
Assistant Grand Organist	Paul Gareth Bowen
Grand Inner Guard	David Topp
Assistant Grand Inner Guards	Victor Ernest Murphy Marcio Luiz Pereira

Grand Stewards:

Gareth Andrews.....	South Wales
Philip Andrew Hamilton Bowler	Derbyshire
Martin Stuart Caller.....	East Lancashire
Oliver James Coddington	London
Trevor Conroy.....	Cornwall
Richard Jeffery Cox	Hampshire & Isle of Wight
Stephen Cox.....	North & East Yorkshire
Timothy David Dallas-Chapman.....	Channel Islands
William Edward Davies.....	Warwickshire
Stephen Michael Hyland.....	Kent
Colin Anthony Lemin	North Wales
Francis Edward Margot	Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford
Robert O'Malley-White	Somerset
Capt. Christopher Francis Phillips	Dyfed
John Malcolm Berry Phillips, <i>TD</i>	Staffordshire & Shropshire
Michael Jeremy Pinckard, <i>JP</i>	West Lancashire
Raghu Nandan Sharma.....	Middlesex
Leslie Smith	Surrey
Steven Spooner.....	West Yorkshire
Robert Frank Summers	Devonshire
Martin David Vidler	London
Clive Warham.....	Northumberland
Michael James West	Essex
Grand Tyler.....	<i>vacant</i>

First Appointments

Past Grand Senior Deacon

Robert Wilfred Palmer

Past Grand Junior Deacon

Robin Charles McLuckie

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies

Paul Ackland-Snow

Leslie Baker

Roderick John Barker

Steven Graeme Barratt

Vivian John Lewis Bevan

Stephen Walter Bird

Selwyn John Burton

Roger Barry Hugh Carter

Ian Richard Marcel Connor

Mark Andrew Cook

John Coulton

Andrew Pettigrew Davies

David Emyr Davies

Gareth Wynne Davies

Robert William Emerson

David Keith Fisk

Astrogildo Garcez Da Veiga

Peter Derek Gillett

Sqn Ldr William Edward Desmond Hinshelwood

Michel Jean-Carl Germaine Huyghebaert

Peter John Mark Keaty

Roger John Kneebone

Stephen Edward Knight

Lt Col Martin Lambert-Gorwyn, *MBE*

Ian Norman Elliott Lewis

Michael John Lewis

Richard Anthony Mayers, *JP*

Mark Sean Moyses

Kieron Eamon Mullan

Leslie Frank Norton

Peter Adeniyi Oshinyemi

Kwaku Owusu

Barry John Packington

Robert Wilfred Parkes

Malcolm Paul Parnham

Graham Pearce

Robert John Phillips

Adalberto Edgardo Polti

Anthony Potton

Richard Norman Pryor

Leslie Race

Anthony Joseph Raza

Jeffrey Marc Reese

David Clifford Rigby

Cyril Rose

Paul James Rowlands

William Robert Russell

David Alexander Rutherford

Keith Harold James Salter

Terry Sankar

Terence James Scarfe

Gregory John Shackelton

Michael John Jennings Singleton

Thomas Charles Smith

Peter Karl Smulik

Michael Bernard Squires

Trevor Still

Trevor Howard Sturt

Donatello Testerini

Graham Charles Thomas

Barrington George Thompson, *JP*

Peter Leslie Thompson

David Antony Bryan Tunstall

Geoffrey Hugh Webb

Barry Wilkinson

Sion William Tracy Wilson

Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

Michael Leslie Allen

Ian Rodney Casson

Michael Douglas Clay

Phillip Clive Ellenor

Andrew Paul Elliott

Jeffrey Steven Hyde

Robert William King

Richard John Lambert

Ramcharan Latchman

Stuart Mills

Geoffrey James Morrison

Dudley Charles Price

Robert Charles Reeve

Richard Stephen Salter

Jayesh Dhirajlal Sanghrajka

Richard Derek Stephens

Brian Welsh

Past Grand Standard Bearer

Robert Charles Adams
Lewis John Ayers
Simon Azzi
Paul Geoffrey Benham
Dr Surjit Singh Bhalla
Adrian John Bolton
Peter Kenneth James Chun
Christopher Ernest Clark
Jonathan David Cordell
David Cecil Cowstick
Mervyn Charles Cummings
Willem Matthieu Droogers
Norman Ralph Eastbrook, *MBE*
John Gray
Bernard John Greenwood

Pieter Willem Haans
Graham Kenneth Humphreys
Graham Alan Kolthammer
Graham Andrew Mills
John Joseph Nereyeth
Nigel Frederick Paton
Michael Anthony Pilszak
Sanjiv Mohanlal Shah
Alan South
Jonathan Edward Staples
Graham Powell Steen
Robert John Stevens
Harold Susman
Stephen Andrew Talbot
John Barry Weston

Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer

Graham Ashley Beach
Ivan Daniel Aina Carrol
Niall John Corbett
Douglas Daniel Cracknell
Bryan Charles Foster
Solomon Kweku Gerber
Ian Douglas Henderson

Francis David Hook
Robert John Hume
Peter William Lambert
David James Major
John Malcolm Sargent
Michael Raymond Scanes
Robert John Tanswell

18. ADDRESS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

Brethren, good afternoon to you all. It is a welcome sight to see this Grand Temple so full of Mark Master Masons, all enthusiastic supporters of the magic of the Mark, but more of that magic shortly. 2021/2022 is a year when we can celebrate so much. In the weekend just ended, we were celebrating 70 years of dedication by our Sovereign, Her Majesty the Queen. On 4 July our Grand Master will be celebrating his eightieth birthday and a few weeks later he reaches the fortieth anniversary of his being installed as the head of our Order. He, like all the members of the Royal family, have had a very busy period of duty and he is unable to be with us today to appoint and invest his officers of the year and those receiving first appointments, but he has forwarded his congratulations and very best wishes and has indicated he will be with us to preside at the communication of Grand Lodge in September to invest those receiving promotions in Grand Rank. Plans are being developed to give as many of you as possible the opportunity to share in a celebration of that unique milestone of 40 years as our Grand Master.

Today is not only a day for us to celebrate, but it is also a day for appreciation and many to thank, but first I have some business updates to communicate to you and please, through you, back to those members of your lodges not with us today. It was early in 2020 when we rolled out the virtual business meetings scheme, which has enabled well over 10,000 such meetings to take place. This has allowed lodges to return to meetings and focus on advancing candidates rather than dealing with a backlog of administrative business. Right across our constitution, we are seeing lodges advancing candidates and enjoying ceremonies – a time to deal with a backlog that has built up over the last two and a half years. Whilst not losing sight of the importance of attracting new members, we must continue our delicate efforts of encouraging those Brethren who have not yet returned to attending meetings to do so, but it is so important they do not feel coerced into doing so.

With an eye on recruitment, I hope that many of you will have seen the social media trailers over the last few days about a new 'Magic of the Mark' video which goes live today. This is a soft launch to give you an opportunity to see what we will formally launch in September alongside a new Grand Lodge website. I hope you will agree that the video encapsulates all that is good about Mark Masonry and will be a suitable taster for anyone considering joining our Order. Appreciation and many thanks are due to all the members of the recruitment, retention and reinvigoration working party under the chairmanship of R.W.Bro. Eric Rymer, Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, and the team from West Yorkshire who have worked so hard to produce the video. For those of you attending lunch later, you will find a business card on your place with a link/QR code to the video. Please do not use the link during lunch, or we will have the sound of some 1000 of you listening to the video, but later, perhaps on your journey home, do take some time to look at it and share details with others who you think might be interested in our Order.

I think we now have the right guidance in place for the wearing of the MBF Festival Steward jewels, and I thank you for your generous support which has, over the last year or so, raised in excess of £200,000. My thanks to R.W.Bro. David Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M. for London, for all the work he has undertaken to relaunch interest in members becoming festival stewards and, at the same time, obtaining honorific qualification in the Mark Benevolent Fund. I know he is also reviewing the Mark Keystone Fund to see how we can best encourage continuing support for that.

The pandemic caused the cancellation of the last two MBF Festivals. However, we can now look forward to this year's MBF Festival on Saturday 2 July 2022, which is being hosted by the Province of Surrey under the Presidency of R.W.Bro. Ian Clarke, Provincial Grand Master. The dinner is taking place at the Metropole Hotel in Brighton and I feel certain it will once again be a superb occasion. Arrangements have, however not been without their challenges and my appreciation, thanks and congratulations to the Surrey Festival Committee for all their hard work in sorting it out so that those of us attending we can have a wonderful evening.

I commenced this address saying it was a time for us to celebrate, and it is also a time for appreciation and many thank-yous, so I will begin:

Since the resumption of meetings there have been many requests from provinces and lodges for Grand Lodge to be represented and we have been delighted to do so. Our Deputy Grand Master has travelled north, south, east and west and many thousands of miles attending meetings, and when he does get home he always makes himself available to give me wise advice. R.W.Bro. Deputy Grand Master, I am truly indebted to you, and to your lovely wife Kay, for sparing you on so many occasions.

It was a huge loss to our Order and to me personally, when the Great Overseer suddenly decided his need for R.W.Bro. Stephen Davison, our Assistant Grand Master, was greater than ours. R.W.Bro. Steve had, over the last five years in that office, not only become a great friend to me and to the Deputy Grand Master, but his warm smiling nature won him friends wherever he went. We will miss him much, but our thoughts are with his family to whom the loss is even more immense.

I have mentioned it has been a very busy time and my appreciation and thanks for the support the Rulers have received goes to all the active Grand Officers of the year. I have probably had more weekends away with the Grand Director of Ceremonies than I have ever had with my wife, and his appointment today as Assistant Grand Master is so fully deserved. But our ceremonies would not have worked had it not been for the preparation by the Grand Secretary and his team at Mark Masons' Hall, a team that supports all of us in our provinces and lodges and also in all the Orders administered from 86 St James's.

Our Grand Chaplain has retired this year after ten years and I thank him for his humour and support on so many occasions over recent years. Watching our Grand Chaplain and our Grand Organist enjoying a full English breakfast, taken before a provincial installation is most definitely a sight to be enjoyed – complaints only being heard if there was an absence of marmite! The demands on our Deputy and past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies have also been immense. I am so very grateful to you all for the time, dedication and preparation you put into our meetings, not to mention the miles you travel. My thanks and appreciation to you all.

All this year's active officers have all been committed members and I hope they have enjoyed the honour of their active rank. I will mention one in particular, for, despite so many meetings in all parts of England and Wales, I do not think he has missed a single one. I refer to W.Bro. David Merrick, our Grand Inner Guard. He has travelled from Kent to wherever I had to be and I thank him and appreciate so very much his attendance and good company.

I will now proceed to welcome our distinguished visitors and members of our districts overseas. I should like to welcome them all but I would ask that your thunderous applause is kept until I have completed my introductions on what is quite an extensive list. We have always enjoyed great support from our daughter and sister Constitutions and this meeting is no exception:

We welcome:

From the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria, M.W.Bro. William R. Jones, Grand Master;

From the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South Australia and Northern Territory, W.Bro. Matthew Mann, G.S.D.;

From the Grand Lodge of Finland, M.W.Bro. Ville Allenan, Grand Master; accompanied by M.W.Bro. Antti Talvitie, Past Grand Master; R.W.Bro. Lappalain Pasi, Deputy Grand Master; R.W.Bro. Timo Majanen, Deputy Grand Master; R.W.Bro. Kimmo Pekka Hellgrén, Grand Secretary; and V.W.Bro. Antti Nurminen, Deputy Grand Secretary;

From the Grand Lodge of Greece, M.W.Bro. Anastasios Albanis, Grand Master; accompanied by R.W.Bro. Denis Wilson, G.S.W.;

From the National Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Switzerland, M.W.Bro. Charles Corbat, Grand Master; accompanied by R.W.Bro. Francois Waridel, Deputy Grand Master; R.W.Bro. Colin Mills, P.G.S.W.; V.W.Bro. Michael Strasser, Grand Registrar of Marks; V.W.Bro. Rudolph Bloch, Grand Secretary; and V.W.Bro. Bernard Wakim, G.D.C. To you all, we share with you the sad loss of your Past Grand Master M.W.Bro. Peter Ribi.

From Grand Lodge de Marque de France Réunion, M.W.Bro. Dominique Paquet, Grand Master; accompanied by V.W.Bro. Phillippe Mairesse.

From Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of the State of Rio de Janeiro Brazil, M.W.Bro. Wilson Souza Neto, Grand Master;

From the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of Estonia, M.W.Bro. Kalle Küttis, Grand Master, and M.W.Bro. Anti Oidsalu, Past Grand Master;

From the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. of the State of Espirito Santo, Brazil, R.W.Bro. Jorge Henrique dos Santos, Assistant Grand Master.

Brethren, I do appreciate and thank these very senior Mark Masons from our daughter and sister Grand Lodges, who have travelled far to be with us and honour us with their presence.

Also from overseas:

From our unattached lodges: New Quarries Lodge in Austria, Bros Dean Pavlak and Miroslav Rajic;

From Itawa Lodge in Zambia, W.Bro. Modest Mulenga;

From Bahamas and Turks, W.Bro. Barry Packington, P.A.G.D.C., a recipient of Grand Rank today;

From Belgium, R.W.Bro. Jean Verbist, District Grand Master; accompanied by W.Bro. Gilbert Deny, newly appointed Deputy District Grand Master; W.Bro. Francis Clarembaux; W.Bro. Daniel Shields, Immediate Past Deputy District Grand Master, whose delightful wife I had the pleasure of introducing to the game of Wordle when the District so wonderfully hosted myself and my acting G.D.C., V.W.Bro. John Vause, just a week ago; W.Bro. Felix Allebosch, G.J.D., and Bro. André Willocx.

From Germany, R.W.Bro. Michael Cooper, District Grand Master; V.W.Bro. John Mackinnon, Deputy District Grand Master; W.Bro. Malcolm Parnham, P.A.G.D.C. – a recipient of Grand Rank today; W.Bros Robert Sampimon, Markus Winter, Andrew Cox, Norbert Schoen and Bro. Pearson;

From Ghana, another wonderful attendance: R.W.Bro. Kofi Adimado, District Grand Master; W.Bros Hon Kwaku Assiamah, Kojo Taylor-Appiah, Philip Addison, Paul Hammond, Frank Davies, Miguel Ribeiro, George Ekow Mill; and Bros John Koomson and Chrtis Omari;

From Hong Kong, W.Bro. Robert Bull;

From Jamaica and Cayman Islands, V.W.Bro. Walter Scott;

From the Netherlands, R.W.Bro. Cornelis van Putten, Dist.G.M.; accompanied by W.Bro. Peter Kirpensteijn, P.G.S.D. , Dep.Dist.G.M.; V.W.Bro. Werner Schwab; W.Bros Willy Haulez, William Droogers, P.G.St.B. – a recipient of Grand Rank today, Henk van Tuil, Robert Verway, Micha de Heus, Hugo van de Baan and Cornelis Nederstigt;

From Nigeria, W.Bros Laurence Sams, Sunday Campbell and Richard Agwa;

From River Plate, W.Bro. Carlos Thompson;

From Singapore, W.Bro. John Bones and Bro. Rajash Singh;

From South and East Caribbean, R.W.Bro. Stephen Cobham, Dist.G.M.; accompanied by V.W.Bro. Llewellyn Gill, Stephen Gill, Dist.G.Sec., Richard Mayers, *JP*, and Terry Sankar – both recipients of P.A.G.D.C. today; and Brothers Jerome Herrera and Jean Ambrose;

From Spain, W.Bro. Vicente Valero;

Lastly from Romania, V.W.Bro. Christian Mihutolu, Grand Inspector, accompanied by more than eighty members, too many names to mention individually, but, Brethren from our newest Inspectorate, perhaps would you please all stand. Incredible support, thank you all.

I now wish to welcome the Heads of our other Orders:

R.W.Bro. Paul Clement, the Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple;

R.W.Bro Graham Flight, Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Conclave of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine;

R.W.Bro. Tom Jackson, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees and our newly appointed Grand Senior Warden, who has very recently completed fifty years of Mark Masonry;

W.Bro. Paul Mycock, First Grand Master of the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, and our Grand Junior Deacon appointed today;

W.Bro. Chris Maiden, Grand High Priest of the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom;

Our Grand Senior Overseer appointed today, W.Bro. Tony Llewellyn, Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia.

I am pleased to welcome a great array of our past Provincial Grand Masters and to also have with us our Past Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Michael Herbert, the most Eminent and Reverend Grand Master of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales;

And also our Past Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson, and I conclude with a most special welcome to our Past Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Richard Wallis. My apologies if I have missed any visitors and, if I have, I assure you that you are most welcome.

Brethren, now is the time for that thunderous applause to show just how much we appreciate their presence with us today.

Brethren, it has been a long but wonderful list of welcomes, however there can be no one that is more welcome today than all of you, our members. Congratulations, my appreciation and thanks to you all, but in particular to those of you who have been appointed to active grand rank. I hope the year ahead proves to be a happy and enjoyable one that reflects the respect you deserve for achieving your appointments.

To those who have received your first appointment to grand rank, congratulations and thank you for the contribution you have made to your lodges and your provinces, that warrants your promotion to grand rank – something that is not made without proper consideration of your hard work and effort. Well done to you all, and I hope today is a day you will long remember and cherish as a very special day in your Masonic journey.

Finally, before closing Grand Lodge, I would like to express my appreciation to the Grand Secretary and all the staff at 86 St James's Street for their hard work in the preparation for this meeting. My thanks and congratulations to our new Grand Director of Ceremonies. I wish you much enjoyment, satisfaction and pleasure in your new office and I look forward to working with you. Also my appreciation and thanks to our Deputy and past Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and the Grand Stewards and Past Grand Stewards for your work and contribution in today's ceremonial.

Brethren, thank you for your attendance here today, continue to enjoy the 'Magic of the Mark' and may God bless you all.

19. CLOSING

Grand lodge was closed in Ample Form.