

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



M.W.Bro. HRH PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT, GCVO
Grand Master

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

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

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Assistant Grand Master

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

August 2022

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on **Tuesday, 13 September 2022, at 1 p.m.** in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ. All Mark Master Masons are invited to attend. Please note that registration is required.

Active Officers of the year will enter in procession and have a reserved seat in the temple providing they have given notice of their intention to attend. The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Grand Wardens, Grand Sword Bearer, Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Inner Guard and Grand Stewards at the rehearsal commencing at 11 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

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

DRESS – Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Grand Officers, Provincial and District Grand Officers and holders of Overseas Mark Grand Rank will wear full dress Mark regalia. Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Past Masters will wear the apron, collar and jewel of their respective offices. All other Mark Master Masons will wear the apron and jewel of the Order.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Lodge.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 7 June 2022, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the three months ended 30 June 2022, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To note the recommended grants that have been approved by the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund to the following worthy causes:

Youth Adventure Trust – Wiltshire	£5,450
Strongbones Children’s Charitable Trust.....	£5,750
Merlin MS Centre – Cornwall	£7,080
Cornwall Scouts	£9,460
Ambulance Aid – Ukraine Cheshire.....	£10,000
City of Goodness Orphanage Appeal – Ukraine Cheshire	£10,000
Inspectorate of Romania – Ukraine Refugee Fund	£50,000
TOTAL	£97,740
6. To nominate the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.
7. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.
8. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
9. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
10. To nominate the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
11. To invest Brethren promoted in Grand Rank.
12. The Grand Master will address Grand Lodge.
13. To close Grand Lodge.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
for the three months ended 30 June 2022**

1. Certificates Issued

During the three months ended 30 June 2022, 374 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 June 2022 was 43,761.

2. Obituary

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

R.W.Bro. John Douglas Arthur Platts, P.Prov.G.M. (Bristol)

V.W.Bro. Cornelis Houwertjes, P.G.S.O.

V.W.Bro. William Rowland Cantello, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. Cecil Freeman, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. Douglas Edward Brooker, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. David James Alexander, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Alban Henry Hearn, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Peter John McIntyre, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Roy Castle, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. Malcolm Edward Kinder, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. Joseph Guy Manners, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. John Reginald Pearson, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. John William Enever, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Wilfred John Marlow, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Derrald Perkins, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Arnold Williams, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Frank Joseph Crown, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Kenneth Peter Gee, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Peter William Grant, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Peter Eric Wreford, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Bryan William Humphries, P.A.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Graham Howard Sumner, P.A.G.St.B.

2a. The General Board also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 July 2022 and 4 August 2022.

R.W.Bro. Roy Keith Bradley, P.Prov.G.M. (Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire)

R.W.Bro. Dr John Horace Wickstead, P.Prov.G.M. (Devonshire)

V.W.Bro. Revd David Lionel Allonby, *OBE*, P.G.S.O.

V.W.Bro. Derek Brian Cope, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. William Richard Seddon, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. Richard John Anderson, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. John Herbert Renshaw, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. Norman Alexander Stringfellow, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. Frank Cooke, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Graham Anthony Webb, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. John Whitney, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Robert Andrew, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. James Edward Corby, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. Colin Deighton, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. John Victor Thompson, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. George Graham Foster, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Robert William Kyffin, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Barry John Edward Paint, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Neil Thomas Ratcliffe, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Derek John Utton, P.G.St.B.

3. **Appointments**

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

W.Bro. Andrea Bonechi, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Master for ITALY with effect from 17 September 2022;

V.W.Bro. Barry Kirkbride, P.G.J.O., to be Provincial Grand Master for CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND with effect from 22 September 2022, in succession to R.W.Bro. Keith Hodgson.

4. **Mark Benevolent Fund**

(a) GRANTS

During the three months ended 30 June 2022, seven petitions were relieved in the sum of £9,000.

(b) EMERGENCY GRANTS

During the three months ended 30 June 2022, no emergency grants were made.

(c) THE 2022 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL – SURREY

The Board is delighted to announce that the one hundred and fifty-fourth Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, under the Presidency of R.W.Bro. Ian Nelson Clark, Provincial Grand Master, raised the sum of **£1,013,157**.

(d) THE 2023 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL – WEST YORKSHIRE

The one hundred and fifty-fifth Mark Benevolent Fund Festival is due to be held on Saturday, **1 July 2023**, at the Harrogate Conference Centre, King's Road, Harrogate, HG1 5LA, under the presidency of R.W.Bro. James Steggle, Provincial Grand Master.

(e) FESTIVALS 2024–2033

2024	Cheshire	2029	Durham
2025	Oxfordshire	2030	Essex
2026	Hampshire & Isle of Wight	2031	Northumberland
2027	Warwickshire	2032	Wiltshire
2028	Somerset	2033	North & East Yorkshire

5. **Warrant of Constitution**

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

Royal Air Force Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2042 – London

6. **Warrant of Confirmation**

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

Uroboros Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1955 – Italy

7. **Warrant of Reponement and change of Lodge Name**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant permission to repon the Warrant of Mount Sinai Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1803 (Gloucestershire & Herefordshire) with effect from 20 May 2022. The Board also noted that the members had resolved to change the Lodge's name to EDWARD JENNER Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1803.

8. **Sesquicentenary Warrants**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Sesquicentenary Warrants to the following Lodges on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working:

The Constantine Lodge of M.M.M. No. 145 – Essex

The Whitwell Lodge of M.M.M. No. 151 – Cumberland & Westmorland

The Dover and Cinque Ports Lodge of M.M.M. No. 152 – Kent

9. **Centenary Warrants**

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

Morecambe Lodge of M.M.M. No. 716 – West Lancashire

Concord Lodge of M.M.M. No. 735 – Warwickshire

Saint Giles Lodge of M.M.M. No. 760 – North Wales

Anglebury Lodge of M.M.M. No. 763 – Dorset

10. **Jubilee Warrants**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Jubilee Warrant to Clanfield Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1385 (Hampshire & Isle of Wight) on the completion of fifty years continuous working.

11. **Amalgamation of Lodges**

The Board noted the decision of the members of Biscot Lodge of M.M.M. No.1406 and Icknield Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1625 to amalgamate with effect from 25 April 2022.

The amalgamated Lodge will be known as BISCOT AND ICKNIELD Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1406 (Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford).

12. **Change of Lodge Name**

The Board noted that Sanctuary Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1370 (Devonshire) had resumed working after a period of abeyance and that the members had resolved to change its name to ST ANDREW'S Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1370.

13. **Grand Honours**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **19 January 2023** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

14. **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**.

Provincial and District Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of Unattached Lodges 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:

G.L.M.M.M.

Mark Masons' Hall

86 St James's Street

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30 July 2022

V.W.Bro. William Arthur Divall, P.G.M.O., Pres.Gen.Bd.

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.J.W. , G.Sec.

NOTICES

1. GRAND LODGE SUMMONS

Secretaries of Lodges are required to forward copies of this summons to Worshipful Brothers and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge.

2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Communication of Grand Lodge at approximately 4 p.m. in the Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA.

Brethren wishing to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Grand Lodge website:

<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mmm-events/mark-master-mason/grand-lodge>

Group reservations may also be made via email to: **m.support@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, **6 September 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 Provinces/Districts and Lodges are now available in the new document store on Keystone Online. Secretaries are advised not to save copies to a PC or Provincial/District 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 Lodge website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charity

6. HOSPITALITY AT MARK MASONS' HALL

The Carvery at 86 St James will be open on selected weekdays and is available to all Freemasons, their family and friends. **Booking in advance is strongly recommended** as the Carvery is very popular and is, on occasions, fully booked for private functions. Members of the **86 St James Loyalty Scheme** will receive advance notification of opening dates by email. Reservations may be made via email: **info@86stjames.com** or Tel: **020 7747 1180**.

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

A variety of hot and cold sandwiches is also available in the bar on weekdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. The bar opening times will be 11.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Mon. to Sat.

Further information is available on the 86 St James website: **<http://86hospitality.info>**

7. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

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

www.shopat86.co.uk

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

Tel: 020 7747 1191

regalia@mmh.org.uk

8. ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTER'S LODGES OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINER

Next year's Annual Festival will be held Wednesday, **21 June 2023**, at Sherwoods of Eastleigh, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 9HT, at which there will be a demonstration of the Elevation and Advancement Ceremonies. The meeting will be followed by a Festival Dinner.

Festival President: R.W.Bro. GEORGE JOHN DEACON, Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire & Isle of Wight.

Information and application forms for the 2023 Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Simon Lancaster, or from the Festival Secretary:

W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose

10 Griffin Way, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT23 4JL

Email: cs.rose@btinternet.com

