

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



**M.W.Bro. His Royal Highness  
PRINCE MICHAEL OF KENT, GCVO  
GRAND MASTER**

**M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman  
PRO GRAND MASTER**

**R.W.Bro. Francis Charles Spencer  
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

**R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson  
ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER**

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

May 2023

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on **Tuesday, 13 June 2023**, 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.

**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 Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Sword Bearer, Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Standard Bearers and the Grand Stewards at a rehearsal commencing at 10.30 a.m.**

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, *OSTJ*, 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 March 2023, 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 31 March 2023, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To announce the re-launch of the Keystone Fund.
6. To consider proposed amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations.
7. To announce the names of the Brethren who have been appointed to the General Board in accordance with Regulation 49(i) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
8. To elect two Brethren to serve on the General Board in accordance with Regulation 49(i) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
9. To announce the names of the Brethren who will serve on the Management Board of Mark Masons' Hall in accordance with Regulation 68(ii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
10. To announce the names of the Brethren who have been appointed to serve on the Appeal Court in accordance with Regulation 65(iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
11. To elect six Brethren to serve on the Appeals Court in accordance with Regulation 65(iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
12. (a) To note the recommended grants that have been approved by the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund to the following worthy causes during the three months ended 31 March 2023:

Sweetpea Smallholdings .....	£1,871
The Meniere's Society .....	£2,387
Sebastian's Action Trust .....	£2,920
Chailey Heritage Enterprise Centre .....	£12,950
Newcastle Wheelchair Rugby Club .....	£35,799
Children with Cancer Fund (Polegate) .....	£36,807
Mid Surrey Community Fridges .....	£42,702
Emergency Grant: Shelterbox – Turkey/Syria Earthquake .....	£50,000
District of Romania – Ukrainian Refugee Fund .....	£75,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>£260,436</b>

(b) To elect three Brethren to serve as Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund in accordance with Annex A – Trust Deed, Rule 4.1.4 of the Constitutions and Regulations.

(c) To announce the names of three Brethren who have been appointed by the Grand President to serve as Trustees in accordance with Annex A – Trust Deed, Rule 4.1.5 of the Constitutions and Regulations.

(d) To announce the names of the Brethren who have been co-opted by the Trustees to serve as Trustees in accordance with Annex A – Trust Deed, Rule 4.2, of the Constitutions and Regulations.

13. To elect four Brethren to serve as Trustees of Grand Lodge in accordance with Regulation 23. (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
14. To elect Auditors to Grand Lodge in accordance with Regulation 23. (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
15. To proclaim the Most Worshipful Grand Master.
16. To appoint and proclaim the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.
17. To appoint and proclaim the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
18. To appoint and proclaim the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
19. To appoint and invest Grand Officers for the year 2023/2024.
20. To appoint and invest Brethren on First Appointment to Grand Rank.
21. The Presiding Officer will address Grand Lodge.
22. To close Grand Lodge.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF  
THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS  
for the three months ended 31 March 2023**

**1. Certificates Issued**

During the three months ended 31 March 2023, 568 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 March 2023 was 43,592.

**2. Obituary**

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

R.W.Bro. Alan Edgar Stewart, *KLJ*, P.G.J.W.  
V.W.Bro. Neville Anthony Joseph, P.G.S.O.  
V.W.Bro. Brian Charles Bellinger, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. David William Cameron, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Michael John Collinson, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Donald Edward Davinson, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Reginald Dickinson, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Brian Alec Charles Moore, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Bryan Frank Page, P.G.J.O.  
W.Bro. Eli Peeters, P.G.S.D.  
W.Bro. John Albert Bedding, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Peter Beedle, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. George Brian Fairhurst, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Douglas John Lindsay Jamieson, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Rodney Brian Marples, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Samuel James Neil, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Barry Keith Williams, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Frederick Leslie James Hunter, P.A.G.Swd.B.  
W.Bro. Isaac White Godwin, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. Ronald Charles Simpson, P.G.St.B.  
W.Bro. William Owen, 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 April and 11 May 2023:

R.W.Bro. Cedric Gunnery, P.G.S.W.  
R.W.Bro. Frederick Arthur Smith, P.G.J.W.  
V.W.Bro. David Anderton, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Peter Harold Edwin Bailey, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Frederick Victor Bashford, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Robin Edward Furber, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. John Healey Gilbert, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Michael John Juden, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Sidney Edward Ernest Tuck, P.G.J.O.  
V.W.Bro. Dr Harry John White, *JP*, P.G.J.O.  
W.Bro. Gp Capt. Trevor Francis Dole, P.G.S.D.  
W.Bro. Brian Arthur Murphy, P.G.S.D.  
W.Bro. Robert William Place, P.G.S.D.  
W.Bro. The Rt Hon. Shane Hugh Maryon Gough, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Arthur Trevor Holman, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. John Michael Jackson, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Peter Gerard Kok, P.G.J.D.  
W.Bro. Norman Hubert McDermott, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Ian Ronson, P.G.J.D.  
 W.Bro. Brian Thompson, P.G.J.D.  
 W.Bro. Richard John Dawe, P.A.G.D.C.  
 W.Bro. Brian John Stanley Howett, P.A.G.D.C.  
 W.Bro. Hugh Johnstone, P.A.G.D.C.  
 W.Bro. Kenneth Oswald Hubert Rollins, P.A.G.D.C.  
 W.Bro. Leonard Henry Stewart, P.A.G.D.C.  
 W.Bro. Maurice Peter Ferris, P.A.G.Swd.B.  
 W.Bro. John Patrick Green, P.G.St.B.  
 W.Bro. Derick Thomas Howe, P.G.St.B.  
 W.Bro. Duncan McGregor, P.G.St.B.  
 W.Bro. Sabino Pereda, P.G.St.B.  
 W.Bro. Ole Thorson, P.G.St.B.  
 W.Bro. William Geoffrey Howard Thomas, P.A.G.St.B.

### 3. Appointments

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

V.W.Bro. Peter Desmond Cole, P.G.S.O., to be Grand Inspector for BAHAMAS AND TURKS with effect from 4 March 2023, in succession to V.W.Bro. James Randolph Bain, *MBE, BEM*.

W.Bro. Peter John Furness, P.A.G.D.C., to be Provincial Grand Master for CORNWALL, with effect from 13 May 2023, in succession to R.W.Bro. Kevin John Hicks.

W.Bro. Ian Fraser, P.A.G.D.C., to be District Grand Master for THE TRANSVAAL with effect from 13 May 2023, in succession to R.W.Bro. David Anthony Gurney.

W.Bro. Peter Kirpensteijn, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Master for THE NETHERLANDS with effect from 2 September 2023, in succession to R.W.Bro. Cornelis van Putten.

### 4. Mark Benevolent Fund

#### (a) PETITIONS

During the three months ended 31 March 2023, two petitions were relieved in the sum of £2,720.

#### (b) EMERGENCY GRANTS

During the three months ended 31 March 2023, two emergency grants were made totalling £8,000.

#### (c) THE 2023 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL – WEST YORKSHIRE

The 155th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival will be held on Saturday, **1 July 2023**, at the Harrogate Conference Centre, Kings Road, Harrogate, HG1 5LA, under the presidency of R.W.Bro. James Steggles, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire.

#### (d) MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

2024 Cheshire	2028 Somerset	2032 Wiltshire
2025 Oxfordshire	2029 Durham	2033 N. & E. Yorkshire
2026 Hampshire & IOW	2030 Essex	
2027 Warwickshire	2031 Northumberland	

### 5. Warrants of Constitution

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants for the following new Lodges:

Dedal Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2049 – Romania

Ivan Patzaichin Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2050 – Romania

Jorge Canning Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2051 – River Plate

## **6. 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 Science Lodge of M.M.M. No. 128 – Somerset  
The Macdonald Ritchie Lodge of M.M.M. No. 160 – Madras  
The Walton Lodge of M.M.M. No. 161 – West Lancashire  
The Saint Peter and Saint Paul Lodge of M.M.M. No. 163 – Buckinghamshire

## **7. 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:

Cube Stone Lodge of M.M.M. No. 731 – Monmouthshire  
Thomas à Becket Lodge of M.M.M. No. 775 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight  
Barnard Castle Lodge of M.M.M. No. 778 – Durham  
Ehen Lodge of M.M.M. No. 779 – Cumberland and Westmorland  
Amble Lodge of M.M.M. No. 780 – Northumberland  
Mendip Lodge of M.M.M. No. 781 – Somerset  
Thesaurus Lodge of M.M.M. No. 782 – North and East Yorkshire  
Lord Bolton Lodge of M.M.M. No. 785 – North and East Yorkshire  
Tregenna Lodge of M.M.M. No. 787 – Cornwall

## **8. Dispensation to Resume Working**

The Board noted that a dispensation had been issued to the following Lodge:

Delta Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1799 – The Netherlands

## **9. Lodges in Abeyance – Extensions**

The Board noted and approved requests for an extension of the period of abeyance to enable plans to be fully progressed to re-start the following Lodges:

All Hallows Lodge of M.M.M. No. 986 – Middlesex  
All Saints Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1251 – Middlesex  
Delta Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1799 – The Netherlands

## **10. Lodges in Abeyance**

The Board noted and approved requests for the following Lodges to be placed in abeyance for a period of not more than three years:

Northern Transvaal Lodge of M.M.M. No. 966 – The Transvaal  
St Thomas Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1511 – Durham

## **11. Dormant Lodges**

The Board noted and approved requests for the following Lodges to be placed in a state of dormancy:

Pico Della Mirandola Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1896 – Italy  
Acropolis Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1969 – Italy  
Key Stone Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2009 – Italy

## **12. Warrant Surrendered**

The Board noted that the members of the following Lodge had voted to surrender their Warrant:

Machen Lodge of M.M.M. No. 698 – Warwickshire

## **13. Grand Honours**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **19 January 2024** 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, London, SW1A 1PL

11 May 2023

R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.M.O., Pres.Gen.Bd.  
R.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, *OStJ*, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.

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## 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 Communication of Grand Lodge.

### 2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Communication of Grand Lodge at approximately 3.30 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://markmasonshall.org/mmm-events/mark-master-mason/grand-lodge/grand-lodge-2023-june-investiture>**

Group reservations may also be made via email to: **[m.support@mmh.org.uk](mailto: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 / £57 (cheese & biscuits) to Masonic Support Services on or before Tuesday, **30 May 2023**.

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](http://www.markmasonshall.org)**

**Twitter: @MarkMasonsHall**

**[www.facebook.com/markmasonshall](https://www.facebook.com/markmasonshall)**

### 4. KEYSTONE ONLINE

All documents relating to the administration of Provinces/Districts and Lodges are available in the 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 on all the Masonic Charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall can be found on the Grand Lodge website: **[www.markmasonshall.org](http://www.markmasonshall.org)**

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](mailto: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 may be purchased from the shop via our website: [www.shopat86.co.uk](http://www.shopat86.co.uk)
- Orders may also be placed by Tel. **020 7747 1191** or email: [regalia@mmh.org.uk](mailto:regalia@mmh.org.uk)  
Shop opening hours: 10 am to 5.30 pm (Monday to Friday)
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**  
The Annual Festival will be held on **Wednesday, 21 June 2023, at 'Sherwoods', Eastleigh Football Club, Hampshire, SO50 9OT**, 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 and Isle of Wight.
- Information and application forms for the 2023 Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary or from the **Festival Secretary**:  
W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose  
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Email: [markgmloi86@gmail.com](mailto:markgmloi86@gmail.com)