

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**

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

**R.W.Bro. Peter David Williams
ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER**

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

May 2026

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on **Tuesday, 9 June 2026**, 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, Grand Stewards and the Grand Tyler at a rehearsal commencing at 10.30 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, 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.

Please note that photography and videography are being conducted at this event. The captured media will be used for social media, newsletters, our website, and archival purposes.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Lodge.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 10 March 2026, 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 2026, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. 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.
6. To elect Brethren to serve on the General Board in accordance with Regulation 49(i) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. To elect six Brethren to serve on the Appeal Court in accordance with Regulation 65(iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
10. (a) To note the recommended grants that have been approved by the Trustees of the M.B.F. to the following worthy causes during the three months ended 31 March 2026:

The Harlequins Foundation – Wheelchair Rugby (total of 2 grants: £39,866 and £1,823).....	£41,689
Stoke Mandeville Maulers Wheelchair Rugby Club	£35,360
Ashburton Swimming Pool	£25,000
SOFEA	£25,000
Age UK Manchester	£21,533
South Warwickshire Plato Trust.....	£20,000
Kent Neuro Therapy Centre	£18,159
Northampton Saints Wheelchair Rugby Club.....	£11,721
The Veterans Hub – Weymouth & Portland CIC	£8,944
Dragons Wheelchair Rugby Club	£6,535
The MusicSpace Trust.....	£3,591
Penrith Pumas Wheelchair Rugby Club – Carlisle & Cumbria	£3,141
TOTAL.....	£220,673

- (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.
11. To elect four Brethren to serve as Trustees of Grand Lodge in accordance with Regulation 23. (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
 12. To elect Auditors to Grand Lodge in accordance with Regulation 23. (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
 13. To proclaim the Most Worshipful Grand Master.
 14. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master.
 15. To appoint and proclaim the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
 16. To appoint and proclaim the Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master.
 17. To appoint and invest Grand Officers for the year 2026/2027.
 18. To appoint and invest Brethren on first appointment to Grand Rank.
 19. The Presiding Officer will address Grand Lodge.
 20. To close Grand Lodge.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
for the three months ended 31 March 2026**

1. Certificates Issued

During the three months ended 31 March, 582 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 March 2026 was 43,840.

2. Obituary

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

R.W.Bro. Wg Cdr John Irfon Davies, *CBE*, P.G.J.W.

V.W.Bro. Ian Dalglish Daniel, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. Howard Nicholas Emmett, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. Nigel Mumford, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. Gerald Percival Rooke, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. James Munro Adams, *BEM*, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. Robert Cyril Curtis, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. Stephen Charles Pearn, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. Harry Waddingham, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. James Withnell, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. Derek Alfred Barclay, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Ian Alfred Eaton, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Eldred Samuel Williams, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Gordon Gilbert Han Von Loch, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. Kenneth James Drew, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Gerald Charles Hanford, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Brian Rigby, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Brian Wilkinson, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. Barrie John Baker, P.A.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Donald McGarr, P.A.G.I.G.

W.Bro. Leslie John Spencer, *LLB*, P.G.Stwd.

2a. The General Board also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 April and 8 May 2026:

R.W.Bro. Linton Anthony Andrews, *JP*, P.Dist.G.M. (Jamaica & Cayman Islands)

V.W.Bro. Jack Devlin, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. John Knox, *KCLJ*, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. Gerald Walter Gillan Ridge, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. Eustace Anthony Johnson, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Leslie Nevin, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. Geoffrey Melvyn Cowley, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. Stanley Crawford, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. William Graham Lloyd, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. Ernest Forbes Roberts, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. David Ward Stanley Royal, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. John Royden Clarke, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Maurice Cockburn, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Meharban Singh Jutlla, P.G.St.B.

3. Appointment

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

W.Bro. Ashley Stuart Hawkins, P.G.J.D., to be Provincial Grand Master for BRISTOL with effect from 30 May 2026, in succession to R.W.Bro. Stephen Rawlings.

4. Mark Benevolent Fund

(a) PETITIONS AND EMERGENCY GRANT

During the three months ended 31 March 2026, seven petitions were made totalling £31,598. There were no emergency grants.

(b) THE 2026 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL—HAMPSHIRE & IOW

The 158th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival will be held on **Saturday, 18 July 2026**, at the Old Thorns Hotel and Resort, Longmoor Road, Liphook, Hants, GU30 7PE, under the presidency of R.W.Bro. George John Deacon, Prov.G.M.

(c) THE GRAND MASTER'S KEYSTONE FUND

During the three months ended 31 March 2026, ten payments were made totalling £18,155.

(d) MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

2027	Warwickshire	2031	Northumberland	2035	Derbyshire
2028	Somerset	2032	Wiltshire	2036	Monmouthshire
2029	Durham	2033	N. & E. Yorkshire	2037	Hertfordshire
2030	Essex	2034	Dorset	2038	West Lancashire

5. Warrants of Constitution

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants of Constitution to the following Lodges:

Keystone Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2072 – Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford

District Grand Stewards Lodge of Mark Master Masons of South and East Caribbean of M.M.M. No. 2073 – South and East Caribbean

6. Warrant of Reponement

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Reponement to St Aubyn Lodge of M.M.M. No. 64 – Unattached (Serbia).

7. Sesquicentenary Warrant

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Sesquicentenary Warrant to The St Cuthbert's Lodge of M.M.M. No. 192 (Northumberland) on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working.

8. Jubilee Warrants

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

Maen Clo Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1451 – North Wales

Christchurch Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1453 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight

9. Change of Lodge Name

The Board noted that members had resolved to change the name of Northern Transvaal Lodge of M.M.M. No. 966 to KEYSTONE Lodge of M.M.M. No. 966 – The Transvaal.

10. Lodge in Abeyance

The Board noted and approved a request for Quatuor Legati Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1165 (East Lancashire) to be placed in abeyance for a period of not more than three years.

11. Warrant Surrendered

The Board noted that the members of Drakenstein Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1120 (South Africa – Western Division) had voted to surrender their Warrant.

12. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **21 January 2027** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

13. 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

8 May 2026

R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.J.W., Pres.Gen.Bd.
R.W.Bro. D. M. Heath, 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 Communication of Grand Lodge.

2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Communication of Grand Lodge at approximately 4.15 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 Mark Masons' Hall website:

<https://markmasonshall.org/latest-events/events/mark-master-mason/grand-lodge-june/mgl2>

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Tuesday, 26 May 2026** – 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: **m.support@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 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 Mark Masons' Hall website:
<https://markmasonshall.org/charities>
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 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., Mon. to Sat. Further information is available on the Mark Masons' Hall website:
<https://markmasonshall.org/dining-at-86>
7. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA
Publications and Regalia for all Orders may be purchased from the shop via the website:
<https://markmasonshall.org/shop-at-86>
Orders may also be placed by email: **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or Tel. **020 7747 1191**.
Shop opening hours: 10 am to 5.30 pm (Monday to Friday)
8. THIRD CANON PORTAL MEMORIAL LECTURE
The Royal Family and the Masonic Charities.
Delivered by V.W.Bro. Dr John Walter Hawkins, P.G.J.O., at the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on 2 October 2024.
To arrange a delivery of the third lecture in your Province or District, please contact V.W.Bro. Dr Hawkins: **johnwh174@gmail.com**
9. FOURTH CANON PORTAL MEMORIAL LECTURE
Frederick Binckes: A Remarkable Freemason who was instrumental in putting Mark Masonry on the Map.
To be delivered by R.W.Bro. Richard Gan, JP, P.Prov.G.M. (Middlesex), at the Grand Master's Lodge of Mark Master Masons at Mark Masons' Hall, London, on 7 October 2026.



Mark Benevolent Fund

Registered Charity No. 207610

Grand Master's Keystone Fund



The Grand Master's Keystone Fund (G.M.K.F.) was launched at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge in June 2023 in celebration of over 40 years dedicated service by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO. This new fund replaces the previous Keystone Fund, established on 3 June 1930, to finance significant capital projects improving the infrastructure, amenities, and overall quality of the Headquarters of our Orders, and the reinvigorated 150th Anniversary Keystone Fund, launched at the Sesquicentenary Celebration of Mark Grand Lodge in October 2006.

PURPOSE—To 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 is open to members of the Companion Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, and their dependents.

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

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (including Jewel and Button)	£150.00
LADIES DONATION (including jewel – may be worn as a brooch or necklace).....	£100.00
LODGES: £25 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button	£60.00
PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, DIVISIONS, INSPECTORATES:	
£10 (per subscribing member) plus Jewel and Button	£60.00
Multi Award Pin (White Keystone)	£10.00

ORDER RECOGNITION—Contribution levels, jewels and buttons are the same for all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall; the only difference being the colour of the ribbon/collarette from which the jewel is suspended. These are: **MMM** – dark blue & crimson; **RAM** – rainbow; **KT** – red and white; **RCC** – white; **RSM** – crimson; **AMD** – thistle green; **OSM** – Indian yellow; **SC** – red, white and black; **KBHC** – lime green and red.

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