

The Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan
in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas



M.Wy.Bro. ANDREW CHRISTOPHER SWEENEY
Grand Supreme Ruler

R.Wy.Bro. KEITH BERWICK FERGUSON
Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler

R.Wy.Bro. GASPAR LLEWELLYN GILL, SLMM
Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler

IN MEMORIAM

M.W.Bro. Michael William Guest
Grand Supreme Ruler
November 2009 to November 2014

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

October 2025

Dear Sir and Brother

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation and Annual Investiture of Grand Conclave will be held on **Thursday, 13 November 2025**, at **12.30 p.m.** in the Grand Temple at **Freemasons' Hall**, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

All Brethren of the Order 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 Counsellor, Grand Guide, Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Stewards and the Grand Sentinel at the rehearsal commencing at **10.30 a.m.**

Yours very thoroughly and fraternally

R.Wy.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.G.
Grand Recorder

DRESS – Short black coat or dark lounge suit and the regalia of your respective office or rank.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Conclave.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To call the Roll of Active Grand Officers.
4. To propose that the Minutes of the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave held on Thursday, 14 November 2024, having been circulated with the summons, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2024, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
6. To receive the Report of the Grand Guide, as printed in **Appendix B**.
7. To receive the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order and of the OSM Fund of Benevolence for the Financial Year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024, as printed in **Appendix C**.
8. The Grand Treasurer will report on the Accounts of the Order for the Financial Year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025.
9. To note that the following match-funding grants have been awarded by the Trustees of the OSM Fund of Benevolence during the year ended 31 August 2025:

Beds, Cambs & Herts – Stevenage and North Herts Talking News	£200
Beds, Cambs & Herts – MAGPAS Air Ambulance Charity	£200
Cheshire & North Wales – Save the Family Ltd	£1,000
Cornwall – Kids in Action	£200
Essex – Little Havens	£500
Essex – Southend Hospital Charitable Foundation	£500
Gloucestershire & Herefordshire – The Little Princess Trust	£700
Gloucestershire & Herefordshire – Friends of Alderman Knight School	£300
Kent – Ellenor	£1,000
Kent – Mary's Child	£500
Kent – Demelza Hospice Care	£500
North and East Yorkshire – Macmillan Cancer	£500
Surrey – Dylan Strong Foundation	£500
Surrey – Headway Surrey Head Injuries Association Ltd	£500
Surrey – Children's Trust	£500
Sussex (Earl of Courtown Conclave No. 150) – Knight Support	£350
Dementia Jersey	£500
The Channel Islands (Le Marchant Conclave No. 421)	
Methodist Homes for the Aged (Guernsey)	£500
The North-East – Red Sky Foundation	£1,000
Warwickshire (Godiva Conclave No. 485) – Zoe's Place Trust	£450

West Lancashire – Preston & Chorley TLC.....	£250
West Lancs (Castlerigg No. 363) – North West Ambulance Service.....	£500
West Scotland – Clyde Coast MS Therapy Centre	£700
West Yorkshire – Leeds Jewish Welfare Board (LJWB).....	£500
West Yorkshire – Doncaster Deaf Trust	£500
Worcestershire – Acorn's Children's Hospice Trust.....	£1,000
TOTAL	£13,850

10. To consider and approve amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations, as printed in **Appendix D**.
11. To elect and proclaim the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler.
12. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler.
13. To appoint and proclaim the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler.
14. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
15. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for the year 2025/2026.
16. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler will receive the Commander of the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel.
17. To appoint three Brethren to serve as Trustees of the OSM Benevolent Fund in accordance with Regulation 33 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
18. To appoint professionally qualified and registered auditors in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
19. To elect six members to serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
20. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler will address Grand Conclave.
21. To present a Fifty Year Jewel to V.Wy.Bro. Howard Francis Doe, P.G.Reg. (Inducted into Invicta Pride of Kent Conclave No. 188 on 6 September 1975.
22. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Conclave.
23. To close Grand Conclave.

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024/2025

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2025, 401 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2025 was 7,577.

2. Obituary

The Executive Committee note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported in the year ended 31 August 2025:

M.Wy.Bro. Michael William Guest, P.G.S.R.
R.Wy.Bro. Morgan McDonald, P.Prov.G.S.R. (East Scotland)
R.Wy.Bro. Gerald Charles Colwell, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Raymond Rooke, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Walter John Yule, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Trevor John Harrison, *JP*, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Allan James Laidlaw, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. David Hendry Allan Milne-Leith, P.G.G.
V.Wy.Bro. Raymond Charles Horton, P.G.Reg.
V.Wy.Bro. Selwyn Smith Beattie, P.G.Reg.
V.Wy.Bro. Alan Dodd, P.Dep.G.Reg.
V.Wy.Bro. Alan Sears, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. John Victor Bluett, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Derek Chamberland Bolton, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. James Eland, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Ronald Paul Franklin, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Raymond Haffner, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Desmond Barnett, *JP*, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. David John Price, P.G.V.
Wy.Bro. Christopher Robert Dearing, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. James Albert Evans, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Leonard George Hayward, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. David Harvey Connor, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Ian Shevill, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Stuart Scott-Darling, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. George Alfred Aldrich, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Edwin Bryan Vaughan, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Christopher Norman Tindall, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Russell Stephenson, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Edward Lennon, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. William Sydney Frederick King, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Jan Alexander Olszewski, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. William Kevin Lysaght, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Raymond Glyn Whitticombe, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Dorian Gerald Rowbottom, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Anthony John Tallon, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. David Murray Thompson, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. John Robert Milne, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Joseph Martin Flynn, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. John Dalby Edmonds, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Derek Warneford, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. William John Watts, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. George Zografos, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Walter Ashton, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Derek Franklin Oliver, P.G.St.B.

Wy.Bro. Richard Alan Kerry, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. John Brass, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Hansraj Fulchand Gudka, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. James Aitcheson Tait, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Maurice Grace, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Graham Martyn Whitehead, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Kenneth Briance Lacey, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. James Johnson, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Derek Roy Blumsom, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Terence Wyvill Neate, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Swee Yow Toh, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. James Taylor, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Terry Hotchkiss, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Paul Albert Levey, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Ronald Wilson, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Richard Anthony Ayling, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Rees-Davies, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Peter Tulloch Baikie, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Allan Keith Morton, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Anthony Joseph Darlison, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Michael Carl Terry, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. John Walker, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Raymond Illingworth, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. William Raymond Duke, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Paramoo Sugathan, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Melville Gabriel, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Edwin Thomas Horne, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Winston Brian Corbitt, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Graham Penrose, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Robert Cooper, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. John Michael Wignall, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Stanley Herbert Griffiths, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Eric David Arthur Hay, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. James William Raven, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Clifford Wyn Thomas, P.G.Gdr.
 Wy.Bro. Brian Rayner, P.A.G.Gdr.
 Wy.Bro. Peter Roland Hopkins, G.Stwd.
 Wy.Bro. David Reid, P.G.Stwd.

2a. The Executive Committee also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 September and 10 October 2025:

V.Wy.Bro. Christopher John Davis, P.G.Reg.
 V.Wy.Bro. Phillip Ackerman Morgans, P.G.Reg.
 V.Wy.Bro. Michael Campbell Ross Tod, P.G.V.
 Wy.Bro. William Chrystal, P.A.G.D.C.
 Wy.Bro. Malcolm Christopher Moreland, P.A.G.D.C.
 Wy.Bro. Michael Richard Dickinson, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. David John Palmer, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Gordon Thomson, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Claude Alvin Benjamin, P.G.Gdr.

3. Appointments

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to make the following appointments at his pleasure:

Wy.Bro. Antony Craig Rusby, to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for SUSSEX, with effect from 26 April 2025, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Drs Andries J. van der Burgh;

V.Wy.Bro. Ian Trevor Dudley Smith, P.G.St.B., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for SURREY, with effect from 24 May 2025, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Colin M. Beerling;
R.Wy.Bro. Raymond Stewart Ellis, P.G.G., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for EAST MIDLANDS, with effect from 9 August 2025, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Uddayan Patel;

Wy.Bro. Ian Pritchard Bennett, P.G.Swd.B., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE, with effect from 27 September 2025, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. John Stafford Stevens;

Wy.Bro. Trevor Conroy, P.G.Swd.B., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for CORNWALL, with effect from 18 October 2025, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Michael Albert John Barnard, *MBE*.

4. Warrant of Constitution

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Constitution to John Charles Grant Conclave No. 639 – North Scotland.

5. Warrant of Confirmation

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to issue a Warrant of Confirmation to Sir Edward Elgar Conclave No. 527 – Worcestershire.

6. Jubilee Warrants

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to issue Jubilee Warrants to the following conclaves on completion of fifty years continuous working:

Semper Fidelis Conclave No. 261 – Cheshire and North Wales

Wessex Conclave No. 246 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight

7. Amalgamation of Councils

The Executive Committee noted that the members of Soutra Aisle Conclave No. 401 and Roman Brig Conclave No. 465 had resolved to amalgamate. The amalgamated Conclave will be known as ROMAN BRIG Conclave No. 465 (East Scotland).

8. Transfer of Warrant

The Executive Committee noted and approved a Petition to transfer the Warrant of Koder Conclave No. 142 (Unattached – India) to the Grand Conclave of India.

9. Conclave Restored to the Roll

The Executive Committee noted that a dispensation had been issued to North Essex Conclave No. 300 to resume working (formerly in abeyance).

10. Warrants in Abeyance

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

Khambatta Conclave No. 46 – Unattached India

Brotherhood Conclave No. 61 – Unattached India

Nilgiri Conclave No. 89 – Unattached India

Devon Conclave No. 165 – Devonshire

Kerala Conclave No. 253 – Unattached India

Mysore Conclave No. 319 – Unattached India

Tenerife Conclave No. 498 – Spain

The Prince William Conclave No. 599 – Devonshire

11. Warrants Surrendered

The Executive Committee noted that members of the following Conclaves had voted to surrender their Warrants:

Cockcroft Conclave No. 25 – East Lancashire

Woodloes Conclave No. 414 – Warwickshire

Shakespeare Conclave No. 438 – Warwickshire

Catalonia Conclave No. 382 – Spain

Ayanganna Conclave No. 604 – Southern Caribbean

12. OSM Fund of Benevolence

During the twelve months to 31 August 2025, there were no petitions relieved.

13. Grand Honours

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has determined that **19 June 2026** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Recorder.

14. Fees and Annual Dues

In accordance with Regulation 111 of the Constitutions and Regulations it has been agreed that the standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Conclave for the financial year **1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026** shall be as follows:

WARRANTS

For a new Warrant.....at cost
For a Warrant of Confirmationat cost
For a Celebration Warrantat cost

PATENTS

For a Provincial/District Grand Supreme Rulerat cost
For a Patent of Confirmationat cost

DISPENSATIONS

Conclave or Supreme Ruler Elect£30.00
Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc).....£58.00

Any request for a Dispensation received less than 21 days before it is required will be treated as a Nunc Pro Tunc Dispensation and charged accordingly.

REGISTRATION

Annual Dues (1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026)£33.00
Installed Supreme Rulers' Conclaves.....£16.50
Registration of a Brother on Induction£30.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered£30.00
A Joining Brother already registered£23.00
Registration of a founding member of a new Conclave being a Brother
 already registered£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Conclave Certificate£30.00

YEARBOOKS

Mark.....£13.00
All other Orders£12.00

All Fees shown are inclusive of Value Added Tax at the current rate of 20% payable by Conclaves and Brethren in England and Wales. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

15. Administration

The Registrations department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Grand Officers as soon as possible after they occur via **Keystone Online**.

Provincial and District Grand Recorders and Secretaries of unattached Conclaves are requested to address communications either to the Grand Recorder 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:

The Grand Conclave OSM

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

10 October 2025

R.Wy.Bro. Cdr C. J. Aspinell, *RD, JP*, P.Dep.G.S.R., Pres.E.C.
R.Wy.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.G., G.Rec.

Appendix B

REPORT OF THE GRAND GUIDE 2024/2025

Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler and Brethren, I have much pleasure in presenting my eighth and final report as Grand Guide.

This year three new Grand Visitors were appointed: V.Wy.Bro's William Lloyd, Alan Hadfield and David Butler, with V.Wy.Bro. Robin Knight being re-appointed to bring the total again to four. I thank them and all of their predecessors who have served as Grand Visitor. Their time and dedication to the office of Grand Visitor is visible, and tangible, and most definitely appreciated by all of the Conclaves that receive their visits. We endeavour to visit each Conclave every six years, which is about 40 per year. In total this year the Grand Visitors will have visited 44 Conclaves and their reports show good attendances (Average 23.25) and happy meetings.

It really was a joy to read this year's reports. The quality of the ceremonies and the enthusiasm that shone through from the Grand Visitor reports was really positive and uplifting. Conclaves and their members are working hard, delivering quality ceremonies (scores of 9.5 and 10/10 abound) and showing a real commitment to the enjoyment and progression of the Order. It is also evident that Conclaves have a genuine willingness to adapt and improvise, and to look at and embrace new initiatives to bring future success.

It is important to record that our team of Grand Visitors continue to receive unwavering support from the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers and their Executive, not only allowing the visits by the Grand Visitors, but also for taking time out from their busy schedules to support those visits and the Conclaves involved. It really is appreciated. I also record my thanks to the Provincial Grand Guides and their teams of Provincial Grand Visitors. Their role and reports are appreciated.

The role of the Visiting Deacon continues to be pivotal in its value to our membership and our Order. There is evidence that the renewed focus we have been placing on this role is having an effect, and I would like to thank the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers's forum for allowing me to speak on this matter at one of their meetings, but there is still work to do. Please therefore continue to support the recommendation from our Grand Supreme Ruler that, when there is a candidate, the muster roll is delayed until after the candidate(s) have been inducted and which then, the muster role itself and the role of the Visiting Deacon is explained. The opportunity should then be given for the new member and his assigned Conclave Visiting Deacon to be introduced and shake hands (OSM version of course). Most importantly, the new candidate(s) will have the opportunity to stand and proudly respond, 'Present, Supreme Ruler', when his name is called.

I also commend the initiative taken by some Conclave Visiting Deacons who send a brief report to those in their charge, who were not able to attend the meeting, on what actually happened. A few personal anecdotes perhaps, but certainly conveying the fellowship and enjoyment that took place. The Conclave Visiting Deacon really does have a fantastic opportunity to engage with our members and influence how each member 'feels' about his Conclave and the Order.

The Conclave Scroll Bearer is the centre of the Visiting Deacons duties. Conclave Visiting Deacons report to the Scroll Bearer and gain support from him in their role, I would suggest that the Scroll Bearer should be an experienced member of the Conclave with a genuine enthusiasm for the role of the Visiting Deacon and can mentor them in their role. Provincial Grand Guides and their team of Provincial Visitors can also play a large part in supporting this unique function of our Order. Perhaps the Provincial Visitors could ensure that they are seated with the four Conclave Visiting Deacons at the festive board, sharing stories of best practices and those hugely rewarding occasions when a member has been helped by the support of one of them. Our Order is growing, we are gaining more members, due in no small measure to the work of our Conclave Visiting Deacons. This simple, positive and supportive relationship is arguably the most powerful recruitment tool we have.

It has been a huge privilege to serve as Grand Guide for the last eight years and much has been achieved. However, there is always much to do and it is therefore with great pleasure that I commend Robin Knight, your new Grand Guide, to you and wish him well in his duties – a role I know he will enjoy and at which he will excel.

Finally, it is with great pride and fulfilment that I say may the Almighty Friend of all Friends help us to continue our enjoyment of this most supportive of Orders, and inspire us to share our love of the Order with enthusiasm and success.

R.Wy.Bro. Paul Crudge, Grand Guide (October 2025)

Appendix C

THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Members of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor submit the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor are as follows.

The day to day management of The Order of the Secret Monitor.

The management of the finances of The Order of the Secret Monitor in order to be able to discharge any financial liability that they may correctly incur.

The implementation of the appropriate policies and procedures in order to monitor and control all financial transactions that they deem necessary.

The Executive Committee is also required to ensure that the future commitments of The Order of the Secret Monitor are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

His Hon I D G Alexander, *KC* (Retired 14 November 2024)
Cdr C J Aspinell, *RD, JP* - President
P R Crudge
R S Ellis
K B Ferguson
G L Gill, *SLMM*
D M Heath (Appointed 12 March 2024)
H S Markham
S C L Middleton (Retired 9 November 2023)
R A H Morrow
J C Roberts (Appointed 9 November 2023, Retired 14 November 2024)
M J J Singleton
M B Squires (Appointed 14 November 2024)
J S Stevens
I R Sullivan
A C Sweeney
Drs A J Van der Burgh
B Wegerhoff
J C Whitaker, *JP, DL* (Appointed 14 November 2024)
R A Williams (Resigned December 2023)

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

PRINCIPAL ADVISERS

BANKERS

Clydesdale Bank plc (Trading as
Virgin Money)
7 Gold Street
Northampton
NN1 1EN

AUDITOR

Crowe U.K. LLP
55 Ludgate Hill
London
EC4M 7JW

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

J M Finn & Co Ltd
4 Coleman Street
London
EC2R 5TA

CONSTITUTIONS AND OBJECTS

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is governed by both statute (Charities Act 2011) and the Constitutions and Regulations of The Order of the Secret Monitor.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code published in 2017 which sets out the principles and recommended practice for good governance within the sector. The Charity is reviewing its current governance arrangements against the principles within the code and will address any issues raised where required.

The objects of the charity are the Relief of Needy Members of the Order and certain of their Dependants as well as making charitable grants for purposes specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is supported by contributions from Brethren, Ladies, Conclaves and Provinces and these may take the form of either donations, covenants, legacies or bequests. The Charity has not engaged with third parties to raise funds and there has been no direct approach to members of the public for funding. A significant amount of the charity's income is from investments. No complaints were received in relation to our fundraising activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the strategy towards and the achievements of the Charity against its objectives.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The payments of grants are made to the needy and for such other charitable purposes as specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
INCOME		
Income from investments	1,746	<i>1,605</i>
Bank interest	347	<i>169</i>
	<u>2,093</u>	<i><u>1,774</u></i>
EXPENDITURE		
Sundry expenditure	<u>378</u>	<i><u>283</u></i>
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	1,715	<i>1,491</i>
Realised & unrealised gains/(losses) on Investments	5,046	<i>(4,689)</i>
Deferred tax	<u>(514)</u>	<i><u>506</u></i>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>6,247</u>	<i><u>(2,692)</u></i>

Notes:

The following sums were received into The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons General Fund by way of dues, fees, etc. from members of The Order of the Secret Monitor during the year ended 31 August 2024.

	2024	<i>2023</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Annual Dues	174,348	<i>176,180</i>
Registration Fees	6,939	<i>6,379</i>
Warrants (at cost)	1,361	<i>317</i>
Fees of Honour	13,528	<i>13,220</i>
Dispensations	1,275	<i>1,353</i>
Year Books	<u>4,666</u>	<i><u>4,764</u></i>
	<u>202,117</u>	<i><u>202,213</u></i>

The notes on page 13 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
INVESTMENTS			
Quoted securities at Market Value		65,009	58,511
Historic Cost £52,759 (2023 - £49,130)			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		12,874	12,527
		12,874	12,527
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry creditors		84	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		12,790	12,527
Provision for deferred tax		(3,088)	(2,574)
TOTAL ASSETS			
		74,711	68,464
Represented by:			
CAPITAL FUND			
Balance at 1 September 2023		68,464	71,156
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		6,247	(2,692)
BALANCE AT 31 August 2024			
		74,711	68,464

These results have been audited as part of the overall group audit of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The auditors, Crowe UK LLP, have confirmed that in their opinion, these results are consistent with the figures included in the GLMMM financial statements for which they gave an unqualified report on 21 January 2025.

R A H Morrow
Grand Treasurer

Date: 3 April 2025

The notes on page 13 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1. ENTITY INFORMATION

The Order Of The Secret Monitor is an unincorporated association and operates from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investments and in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applicable to small entities.

(b) Investments

Listed investments are measured at fair value through income and expenditure, and are reported at their market value at each balance sheet date.

(c) Debtors and creditors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price less any impairment. Short-term creditors are measured at transaction price.

3. CORPORATION TAX

The Order of the Secret Monitor has received dispensation from HM Revenue & Customs to be treated as dormant with respect to untaxed income. No tax is payable on income received gross up to a specified level.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The Trustees of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Charity is The Order of The Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence and is a registered charity under registration number 207781. The Charity's address is 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence, who served during the year and to the date of signing this report, are:

M Barnes (Appointed 1 April 2025)
S G Carley (Appointed 1 April 2025)
G Flight
M J J Singleton (Appointed 1 April 2025)

Newly appointed Trustees receive an induction from the President of the Executive Committee and Grand Treasurer and attend training courses as necessary.

ORGANISATION

The members of the Executive Committee of the Order of the Secret Monitor are responsible for the administration of all aspects of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

His Hon I D G Alexander, *KC* (Retired 14 November 2024)
Cdr C J Aspinell, *RD, JP* - President
P R Crudge
R S Ellis
K B Ferguson
G L Gill, *SLMM*
D M Heath (Appointed 12 March 2024)
H S Markham
S C L Middleton (Retired 9 November 2023)
R A H Morrow
J C Roberts (Appointed 9 November 2023, Retired 14 November 2024)
M J J Singleton
M B Squires (Appointed 14 November 2024)
J S Stevens
I R Sullivan
A C Sweeney
Drs A J Van der Burgh

B Wegerhoff
J C Whitaker, *RD, JP* (Appointed 14 November 2024)
R A Williams (Resigned December 2023)

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

PRINCIPAL ADVISERS

BANKERS

Clydesdale Bank plc (Trading as
Virgin Money)
7 Gold Street
Northampton
NN1 1EN

AUDITOR

Crowe U.K. LLP
55 Ludgate Hill
London
EC4M 7JW

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

J M Finn & Co Ltd
4 Coleman Street
London
EC2R 5TA

CONSTITUTIONS AND OBJECTS

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is governed by both statute (Charities Act 2011) and the Constitutions and Regulations of The Order of the Secret Monitor.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code published in 2017 which sets out the principles and recommended practice for good governance within the sector. The Charity is reviewing its current governance arrangements against the principles within the code and will address any issues raised where required.

The objects of the charity are the Relief of Needy Members of the Order and certain of their Dependants as well as making charitable grants for purposes specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is supported by contributions from Brethren, Ladies, Conclaves and Provinces and these may take the form of either donations, covenants, legacies or bequests. The Charity has not engaged with third parties to raise funds and there has been no direct approach to members of the public for funding. A significant amount of the charity's income is from investments. No complaints were received in relation to our fundraising activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the strategy towards and the achievements of the Charity against its objectives.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The payments of grants are made to the needy and for such other charitable purposes as specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

RESERVES POLICY

At 31 August 2024, the free reserves amounted to £939,524 (2023: £867,310). The Trustees believe that the level of reserves should provide a safety net for downturns in the market as well as providing a level of income to support donations. However, the Trustees continue to review the level of reserves held.

The Trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves held at 31 August 2024 to manage any foreseeable downturn in the market. The Trustees consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and, for this reason, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

INVESTMENT POWERS

Investment powers are set out and operated within the provisions of the Trustee Act 2000. The investments are managed by the Investment Committee, who are advised by J M Finn & Co Limited.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The sources of income for the fund are donations from the members and any investment income (including capital gains).

In accordance with these aims, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Limited. The Investment Committee reviews the funds on a regular basis.

Changes are made to the investments held on the basis of seeking to maintain the existing funds and to increase them so far as possible. The intention is to invest in securities, which are likely to increase in value (including providing increased dividends), rather than by any other criteria. The value of the investments at the balance sheet date was £734,455 (2023: £680,484).

ACTIVITIES

The amount of grants paid in the year to 31 August 2024 amounted to £17,385 (2023: £13,650).

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its net incoming/outgoing resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITOR

Crowe U.K. LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as statutory auditor.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by

**G Flight
Trustee**

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of the Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations included General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Management Board about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, sample testing of income, reviewing regulatory correspondence, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe U.K. LLP
Statutory Auditor
London

Date: 23.04.2025

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Generated funds			
Donations		15,915	8,575
Investments		19,292	20,113
Total incoming resources		35,207	28,688
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds			
- Investment management fees		3,385	3,382
Charitable expenditure			
- Jewel Costs (President & Vice President pins)		0	1,804
- Sundry Expenses		63	0
- Grant making	3	17,385	13,650
Total resources expended		20,833	18,836
OPERATING SURPLUS		14,374	9,852
Net realised and unrealised gains/(losses)		57,840	(64,462)
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)		72,214	(54,610)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		72,214	(54,610)
FUND BALANCES			
As at 1 September 2023		867,310	921,920
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		939,524	867,310

All of the above are represented by continuing operations and are unrestricted. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 23 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			
Quoted securities at market value	4	734,455	<u>680,484</u>
Cost £550,616 (2023: £541,046)			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		6,228	7,084
Cash at bank		<u>198,841</u>	<u>182,016</u>
		205,069	<u>189,100</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry creditors		<u>0</u>	<u>2,274</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>205,069</u>	<u>186,826</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>939,524</u>	<u>867,310</u>
 Represented by:			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>939,524</u>	<u>867,310</u>

Approved by the Trustee and authorised for issue on 3 April 2025 and signed on his behalf by:

R A H Morrow
Honorary Treasurer

The notes on pages 23 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity registered as an unincorporated charity in England and Wales (registration no. 207781) and operates from its registered office Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair" view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Having considered post year end results and reserves, the Trustees consider the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Investments

Fixed asset investments are revalued to market value at the balance sheet date and the surplus or deficit of this revaluation represents unrealised gains or losses.

The differences between the carrying value (or cost if acquired in the year) and the proceeds of investments disposed of represent realised investment gains or losses. Net realised and unrealised gains or losses are shown as a combined figure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(c) Incoming Resources

Donations are accounted for on a receipts basis. Income from investments and bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.

(d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure represents payments of grants and other expenses. Raising funds are the investment management costs.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)**

(e) Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash and bank and in hand, together with accrued income. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise grants payable and accruals.

Investments, including bonds held as part of an investment portfolio are held at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, with gains and losses being recognised within income and expenditure.

(f) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the Trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

3. GRANTS

From the total grants paid of £17,385, £nil was paid to individuals and the total was paid to various external charities as approved by the Executive Council.

4. INVESTMENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Market value at 1 September 2023	680,484	748,566
Less: Disposal proceeds	(95,306)	(117,267)
Add: Additions at cost	91,440	113,646
Net realised and unrealised gains (losses)	57,840	(64,462)
	<u>734,455</u>	<u>680,484</u>
Market value at 31 August 2024	734,455	680,484
	<u>550,616</u>	<u>541,046</u>
Historic cost	550,616	541,046

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024 (CONTINUED)**

4. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

All investments are listed on a recognised stock exchange and managed in the UK by J M Finn & Co Limited. The investments at the year-end comprised:

	2024	<i>2023</i>
Fixed interest	89,887	<i>72,139</i>
Equities	536,027	<i>470,585</i>
Other	108,541	<i>137,760</i>
	<u>734,455</u>	<i><u>680,484</u></i>

Unrealised gains amounting to £183,839 (2023: £139,438) are based on a valuation at the year-end which is unlikely to equate to the actual gains and losses which will arise on the subsequent realisation of these investments.

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No Trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the current or previous year.

6. RELATED PARTIES

There are no related party transactions in the reporting period.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS & REGULATIONS

Delete current Regulation 37 (ii) and replace with the following:

BENEVOLENT FUND—Qualification of Donors

37. (ii) Individual Members (with effect from 1 September 2016)

Steward	£25 (plus cost of jewel: £15)
Vice-President	£50
President	£100
Vice Patron	£150
Patron	£300
Grand Patron	£500 (includes Collarette)
Grand Patron Gold	£750 (includes Collarette + bar)

These totals are cumulative.

37. (iii) Conclaves and Provinces (with effect from 1 September 2025)

Vice Patron	£25 per member (plus cost of jewel: £25)
Patron	£50 per member (cumulative)
Grand Patron	£750 (includes Collarette)
Grand Patron Gold	£1,000 (includes Collarette + bar)

Colour of the ribbon/collarette from which the jewel is suspended:

Conclaves: Purple/Yellow/Purple

Provinces and Districts: Yellow/Purple/Yellow

NOTICES

1. GRAND CONCLAVE SUMMONS—Secretaries are required to forward copies of this summons to Supreme Rulers and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave.

2. DINING—Brethren will dine together after the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave at approximately 3 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/secret-monitor/grand-conclave/osm-grandconclave-nov2025>

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Thursday, 30 October 2025** – all details are on the website. Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to **7 days** prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded. Please email **osmsupport@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 Conclaves are available in the document store on Keystone Online. Recordors 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 website.
www.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 noon until 10.30 p.m., Mon. to Sat.
Further information is available on the Mark Masons' Hall website:
www.markmasonshall.org/dining-at-86
7. **PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA**—Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at MMH and via the website:
www.markmasonshall.org/shop-at-86
The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). Orders may also be placed by email to **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or by telephone: **020 7747 1191**
8. **SUPREME RULERS' CONCLAVE No. 123**—Supreme Rulers' Conclave No. 123 meets on the fourth Friday in March (Installation), the second Friday in June and on the day immediately preceding the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave in November. All Brethren of the Order are invited to attend.
All Installed Supreme Rulers of the Order are strongly urged to join this unique Conclave, which unites Supreme Rulers of this and other regular Constitutions throughout the world. Minutes of each meeting are printed and circulated to all members with a verbatim report of all proceedings, including the festive board.
Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary:
R.Wy.Bro. Michael Barnard, *MBE*, Prov.G.S.R. (Cornwall)
Email: **majbmbe@gmail.com**
9. **PREMIER CONCLAVE OF IMPROVEMENT**—The Premier Conclave of Improvement offers all Brethren of the Order the opportunity to practice their ritual in a friendly and encouraging environment. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August).
Further information can be obtained from the Secretary: Wy.Bro. Seirios Kokkalis.
Email: **seiriosdj@yahoo.gr**



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

ADMINISTRATION—The fund is administered by the Mark Benevolent Fund (M.B.F.) Board of Trustees. Online applications will be processed by the Bursary Scheme Coordinator. The G.M.K.F. Awards Panel will assess applications using the M.B.F. eligibility criteria.

DONATION QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE—Donations made to the fund will continue to be acknowledged with the Keystone Breast Jewel for Brethren, and a Collarette and Jewel for units, Provinces, Districts, Divisions and Inspectorates, which includes a distinctive new Button. Ladies' jewels are also available.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.....	£100.00
Metal Jewel (including Button).....	£50.00
LADIES DONATION (jewel included – may be worn as a brooch or necklace)	£100.00
LODGES (per subscribing member).....	£25.00
PROVINCES, DISTRICTS, DIVISIONS, INSPECTORATES (per subscribing member)	£10.00
Metal Jewel (including 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.

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