

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England  
and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas



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M.III.Comp. KESSICK JOHN JONES  
Grand Master

R.III.Comp. His Hon. IAN DOUGLAS GAVIN ALEXANDER, KC  
Deputy Grand Master

R.III.Comp. PAUL ANTHONY NORMAN  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

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

21 March 2023

Dear Sir and Companion

The Annual Assembly of Grand Council will be held on **Tuesday, 18 April 2023, at 12 noon, in the Grand Temple at Mark Mason's Hall**, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

All Select Masters 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 beforehand of their intention to attend.

**The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Deputy and Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Conductor of the Council, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Steward and the Grand Mancies at the rehearsal commencing at 10 a.m.**

By command of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.III.Comp. Ryan A. Williams, OStJ, P.G.Chan.  
Grand Recorder

# AGENDA

1. To open Grand Council.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Grand Council held on Tuesday, 19 April 2022, as circulated with the summons for this meeting, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the period ending 31 December 2022, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To receive the Report of the Grand Treasurer for the twelve months ending 31 August 2022, as printed in **Appendix B**.
6. To consider proposed amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Order as printed in **Appendix C**.
7. To elect and proclaim the Most Illustrious Grand Master.
8. To appoint and proclaim the Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master.
9. To appoint and proclaim the Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.
10. To elect the Grand Treasurer.
11. To appoint two Companions to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following will be appointed in accordance with Regulation 118(i) of the Constitutions and Regulations:  
  
R.III.Comp. N. T. Woodward, Dist.G.M. for North and East Yorkshire  
R.III.Comp. D. J. Blackburn, Dist.G.M. for Surrey
12. To elect two Companions to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following have been nominated in accordance with Regulation 118(i) of the Constitutions and Regulations:  
  
R.III.Comp. R. S. C. Mitchell, Dist.G.M. for Lancashire  
R.III.Comp. V. J. Driver, Dist.G.M. for London
13. To elect professionally qualified and registered auditors in accordance with Regulation 20 (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
14. The Most Illustrious Grand Master will address Grand Council.
15. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Council.
16. To close Grand Council.

**Report of the Executive Committee  
for the period ending 31 December 2022**

**1. Membership**

During the twelve months ended 31 December 2022, 236 new members have been admitted into the Order.

The total number of subscribing memberships in the Order as at 31 December 2022 was 6,032.

**2. Obituary**

The Executive Committee announces, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported in the year ended 31 December 2022:

- R.III.Comp. Timothy John Lewis, P.G.P.C.W.
- R.III.Comp. Michael Arthur Richards, IX
- R.III.Comp. Alan Hodgson Smith, IX
- R.III.Comp. Brian William Price, P.Dist.G.M. (Warwickshire)
- R.III.Comp. Norman Sydney Manser, P.G.Coun.
- R.III.Comp. Maj. Michael Mullally, *TD*, P.G.Coun.
- R.III.Comp. Wg Cdr John Brian Rodgers, P.G.Coun.
- V.III.Comp. Dr Charles Morgan Gwynn, *TD*, P.G.Lect.
- V.III.Comp. Peter William Thomas Hadlett, P.G.Lect.
- V.III.Comp. Peter John McIntyre, P.G.Lect.
- V.III.Comp. Peter Ernst Ribbi, P.G.Lect.
- V.III.Comp. Rex Trollope, P.G.Lect.
- V.III.Comp. Laurence James Young, P.G.Lect.
  - III.Comp. John Anthony Goodrum, P.G.Capt.Gd.
  - III.Comp. Clare John Billin, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. Roy Keith Bradley, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. Stephen Davison, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. John Herbert Dye, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. William John Butler Henderson, *JP*, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. Michael Graham Langley, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. Sivakumar Murugaiyan, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. John Herbert Renshaw, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. Michael John Smith, P.G.Cond.C.
  - III.Comp. David James Alexander, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Peter William Robert Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Lance Stephen Coomer, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Peter Richard Dyke, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Suresh Kumar Gohil, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Lawrence Edward Haines P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. James Dunlop McKee, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. David Leslie Robson, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Gordon Frederick Setterfield, P.A.G.D.C.
  - III.Comp. Richard Neil Bedells, P.G.Swd.B.
  - III.Comp. Jeffrey Edward Davies, P.G.Swd.B.
  - III.Comp. David Russell Evans, P.G.Swd.B.
  - III.Comp. Michael Albert Irons, P.G.Swd.B.
  - III.Comp. Patrick Joseph Walsh, *JP*, P.G.Swd.B.
  - III.Comp. Revd David Lionel Allonby, *OBE*, P.G.St.B.
  - III.Comp. Rodney Edward Booth, P.G.St.B.
  - III.Comp. John Stuart Bowman, P.G.St.B.

- III.Comp. John Charles Fuller, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. Mark Philip Glover, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. David Kinsey, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. Joseph Guy Manners, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. Frederick Stephen Parsons, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. Leslie William Whitton, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. Thomas Stobart Rawlinson, P.G.Mar.

**2a.** The Executive Committee also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 January and 21 March 2023.

- R.III.Comp. Colin William Thurston, P.Dist.G.M. (Hertfordshire)
- R.III.Comp. Bryan Frank Page, P.G.Chan.
- R.III.Comp. Alan Edgar Stewart, *KLJ*, P.G.Coun.
- V.III.Comp. Douglas John Lindsay Jamieson, P.G.Lect.
- V.III.Comp. Derek William Southgate, P.G.Lect.
- III.Comp. John Douglas Boak, P.G.Cond.C.
- III.Comp. Samuel James Neil, P.G.Cond.C.
- III.Comp. Dr Malcolm David Marston Parkes Bowen, P.G.Cond.C.
- III.Comp. Frank Lucas Powell, P.G.Cond.C.
- III.Comp. Ian William Mackenzie, P.A.G.D.C.
- III.Comp. Roger Wallace Sargent, P.G.Swd.B.
- III.Comp. Geoffrey Frank Bollard, P.G.St.B.
- III.Comp. John Michael Croad, P.G.St.B.

**3. Appointments**

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

- III.Comp. Stephen John Bradford, P.A.G.D.C., to be District Grand Master for NORTH MIDLANDS in succession to Neil Robert Hartburn, with effect from 2 July 2022;
- V.III.Comp. Geoffrey Frederick Spencer, P.G.Lect., to be District Grand Master for EAST ANGLIA in succession to Peter Thomas Coles, with effect from 10 September 2022.

**4. Warrant of Confirmation**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master has been pleased to issue a Warrant of Confirmation to Trulla Argentea Council No. 333 – Hertfordshire.

**5. Grand Honours**

Recommendations for the award of Grand Honours must be submitted to the Grand Recorder no later than **17 November 2023**.

**6. Fees and Annual Dues**

In accordance with Regulation 141 it has been agreed that the standard rate of registration and other fees payable by Councils to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 shall be set out as follows:

**WARRANTS**

- For a Warrant of Constitution..... at cost
- For a Warrant of Confirmation ..... at cost
- For a Celebration Warrant ..... at cost

**PATENTS**

- For a District Grand Master ..... at cost

**DISPENSATIONS**

- To install a Companion as Master (not properly qualified).....£30.00
- Other Dispensations .....£30.00

Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc).....£58.00

Any request for 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 2023 and due from 31 August 2024).....£32.00

Annual Dues – Installed Masters’ Council .....£16.00

Registration on Reception or a Joining Companion from another Constitution not previously registered (50% reduction – 2023/2024).....£15.00

Registration of a Joining Companion previously registered (50% reduction – 2023/2024) .....£11.50

Founder member of a new Council being a Companion previously registered .....£8.00

Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council Certificate .....£30.00

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

#### 7. **Demonstration of the Degrees of the Order**

Information about the 2023/2024 Demonstration of the Degrees of the Order will be notified to District Recorders following the meeting of Grand Council.

#### 8. **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**.

District Grand Recorders, Inspectorate Recorders and Recorders of Unattached Councils are requested to send correspondence by email where possible and address other 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:

Grand Council of RSM  
Mark Masons’ Hall  
86 St James’s Street, London, SW1A 1PL

14 March 2023

V.III.Comp. Keith Young, President of the Executive Committee  
R.III.Comp. Ryan A. Williams, *OStJ*, P.G.Chan., Grand Recorder

## Appendix B

### **THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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The Members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

#### **CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES**

The Custodian Trustees of The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters who served during the year, and to the date of signing this report, unless otherwise stated are:

H Gould, *OBE*

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters are as follows.

- The day to day management of The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters.
- The management of the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters in order to be able to discharge any financial liability that they may correctly incur.
- The installation of the correct 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 Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters are:

His Honour I D G Alexander, *QC*  
R L Gan, *JP* (Retired 19 April 2022)  
J Harvey  
J N G Howitt  
G H Jones, *CStJ*  
K J Jones  
J H Newman, *OBE*  
P A Norman  
G D Seeman  
T M Sharpe  
N T Woodward  
K Young (Appointed 19 April 2022)

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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**INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters seeks to invest to provide funds for special events and ceremonial meetings.

In accordance with this aim, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Ltd. The Investment Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, reviews the funds on a regular basis.

**AUDITOR**

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

Approved by the Executive Committee on 20 February 2023 and signed on its behalf

**K Young  
PRESIDENT**

**R A Williams, *OStJ*  
GRAND RECORDER**

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Investment income	<u>400</u>	<u>330</u>
	<b>400</b>	<i>330</i>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Investment Managers Fees	92	89
Operating Surplus for the year	308	241
Realised & unrealised gain/(loss) on Investments	<u>(2,603)</u>	<u>3,410</u>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u><b>(2,295)</b></u>	<u><i>3,651</i></u>

**Notes:**

The following sums were received into The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons General Fund by way of dues, fees etc. from the members of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters during the year ended 31 August 2022.

	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Annual Dues	<b>101,390</b>	<i>157,641</i>
Registration Fees	<b>4,283</b>	<i>908</i>
Warrants (at cost)	<b>190</b>	<i>127</i>
Fees of Honour	<b>12,510</b>	<i>10,480</i>
Dispensations	<b>938</b>	<i>58</i>
Year Book	<b>3,576</b>	<i>3,624</i>
Excellent Masters	<b>5,263</b>	<i>42</i>
Silver Trowel	<u><b>7,838</b></u>	<u><i>5,335</i></u>
	<u><b>135,988</b></u>	<u><i>178,215</i></u>

**The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.**



**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 AUGUST 2022**

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>			
Investments at Market Value	4	<b>18,164</b>	<u>20,459</u>
Historic Cost £13,888 (2021: £13,624)			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Sundry Debtors			
Cash at bank		<u>3,215</u>	<u>3,215</u>
		<b>3,215</b>	<u>3,215</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>3,215</b></u>	<u>3,215</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>21,379</b></u>	<u>23,674</u>
Represented by:			
<b>CAPITAL FUND</b>			
Balance at 1 September 2021	5	<b>23,674</b>	20,023
Surplus for the year		<u>(2,295)</u>	<u>3,651</u>
<b>BALANCE AT 31 August 2022</b>		<u><b>21,379</b></u>	<u>23,674</u>

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 23 January 2023.

**J N G Howitt**  
**Grand Treasurer**

Date: 20 February 2023

**The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.**

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

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**1. ENTITY INFORMATION**

The Grand Council Of Royal And Select Masters 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 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 Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters 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.

**4. INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	£	£
Quoted at Market Value	<b>18,164</b>	<i>20,459</i>
Historic Cost	<b>13,888</b>	<i>13,624</i>

**5. CAPITAL FUND**

	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
Balance at 1 September 2021	<b>23,674</b>	<i>20,023</i>
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account	<b>(2,295)</b>	<i>3,651</i>
<b>Balance at 31 August 2022</b>	<b>21,379</b>	<i>23,674</i>

**Proposed Amendments to the  
Constitutions and Regulations 2023**

**INSPECTORATES, DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS  
AND DISTRICT GRAND COUNCILS**

*Insert and delete text as follows:*

46. (i)
- (a) District Grand Almoner (or Dist.G.Man.) ..... Dist.G.Alm.  
**District Assistant Grand Recorder** ..... **Dist.A.G.Rec.**  
District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies..... Dist.A.G.D.C.  
~~District Assistant Grand Recorder..... Dist.A.G.Rec.~~  
District Grand Organist ..... Dist.G.Org.  
District Grand Steward..... Dist.G.Stwd.  
District Grand Manciple (or Dist.G.Alm.) ..... Dist.G.Man.  
District Grand Sentinel..... Dist.G.Sent.
  - (b) In the case of a District containing more than 2 but less than 7 Councils:  
District Grand Almoner (and one District Grand Manciple\*) ..... Dist.G.Alm.  
**District Assistant Grand Recorder** ..... **Dist.A.G.Rec.**  
District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies..... Dist.A.G.D.C.  
District Grand Sword Bearer..... Dist.G.Swd.B.  
District Grand Standard Bearer ..... Dist.G.St.B.  
~~District Assistant Grand Recorder..... Dist.A.G.Rec.~~  
District Grand Organist ..... Dist.G.Org.  
District Grand Steward..... Dist.G.Stwd.  
two District Grand Manciples\* (or one District Grand Manciple  
and one District Grand Almoner)..... Dist.G.Man.  
District Grand Sentinel..... Dist.G.Sent.

# Notices

## 1. GRAND COUNCIL SUMMONS

Recorders of Councils are required to forward copies of this summons to T.I.M.s and to all other Companions who may wish to attend the Annual Assembly of Grand Council.

## 2. DINING

As this meeting is restricted to a small business-only meeting, there will be a limited dining opportunity following the meeting on a first come, first served basis. Companions wishing to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Grand Council website:

**<https://markmasonshall.org/rsm-events/royal-select-masters/grand-council>**

Group reservations may also be made via email to: **[rsmsupport@mmh.org.uk](mailto:rsmsupport@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 £50.00 to Masonic Support Services on or before **Tuesday, 5 April 2022**.

Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to 7 days prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded.

## 3. SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATION & GALA DINNER: Tuesday, 3 October 2023

## 4. 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)**

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

**Twitter: @MarkMasonsHall**

## 5. KEYSTONE ONLINE

All documents relating to the administration of Districts/Inspectorates and Councils are available in the document store on Keystone Online. Recorders are advised not to save copies to a PC or District/Inspectorate website but to always use the latest version in the document store.

## 6. MASONIC CHARITIES

Information and downloadable forms for all the Masonic charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall can be found on the Grand Council website: **[www.markmasonshall.org](http://www.markmasonshall.org)**

## 7. 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., finishing at 4 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., Monday to Saturday.

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

## 8. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall and via our website: **[www.shopat86.co.uk](http://www.shopat86.co.uk)**

The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

Orders may also be placed by email: **[regalia@mmh.org.uk](mailto:regalia@mmh.org.uk)** or Tel: **020 7747 1191**.