

The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord
in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas



M. Dist. Comp. IAN STANLEY CURRANS, VI
Grand Summus

R. Dist. Comp. FRANCIS CHARLES SPENCER, VI
Deputy Grand Summus

R. Dist. Comp. HOWARD SAUL MARKHAM, VI
Assistant Grand Summus

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

24 April 2026

Dear Sir and Companion

The Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus will be held on Thursday, **7 May 2026** at 12.30 p.m. in the Grand Temple, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

All Companions 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 beforehand of their intention to attend. The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Organist and the Grand Guarder at a rehearsal commencing at 10.30 a.m. in the Grand Temple.

By command of the Most Distinguished Grand Summus.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R. Dist. Comp. Daniel M. Heath, VI, P.G. Vice Chan.
Grand Recorder

DRESS: Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Grand and Provincial Grand Officers will wear the sash and jewels appropriate to their rank. All other Companions will wear the regalia appropriate to their Grade within 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 Senatus.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus held on Friday, 30 May 2025, 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 twelve months ended 31 January 2026, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To elect and proclaim the Grand Summus.
6. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Summus.
7. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Assistant Grand Summus.
8. To nominate and elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
9. To appoint and invest Grand Officers for the year 2026/2027.
10. The Most Distinguished Grand Summus will receive the Captain of the Grand Summus's Tzaddikim.
11. To appoint professionally qualified and registered Auditors in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
12. To elect three members to serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
13. To appoint three members to serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
14. The Most Distinguished Grand Summus will address Grand Senatus.
15. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Senatus.
16. To close Grand Senatus.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the twelve months ended 31 January 2026

1. Membership of the Order

During the past twelve months, 256 Companions have been admitted to the Order. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 January 2026 was 3,894.

2. Obituary

The Executive Committee reports, with deep regret, the death of the following Grand Officers:

R.Dist.Comp. Arnold Long, P.Prov.G.S. (Surrey)
R.Dist.Comp. John Herbert Prizeman, P.G.Vice Chan.
V.Dist.Comp. Christopher John Davis, P.G.Reg.
V.Dist.Comp. John Victor Bluett, P.G.Lect.
V.Dist.Comp. James Albert Evans, P.G.Lect.
V.Dist.Comp. Alan Sears, P.G.Lect.
Dist.Comp. Michael John Newth, P.G.Her.
Dist.Comp. Desmond Barnett, *JP*, P.A.G.D.C.
Dist.Comp. Terence Albert Dennis Bowler, P.A.G.D.C.
Dist.Comp. Edward George Casey, P.A.G.D.C.
Dist.Comp. Derek James Wheatley Gaunt, P.A.G.D.C.
Dist.Comp. Robert John Tanswell, P.A.G.D.C.
Dist.Comp. Selwyn Smith Beattie, P.G.Swd.B.
Dist.Comp. Leonard George Hayward, P.G.Swd.B.
Dist.Comp. Ying Ko, P.G.Swd.B.
Dist.Comp. Harvey Andrew Roland, P.G.Swd.B.
Dist.Comp. Richard Anthony Ayling, P.G.St.B.
Dist.Comp. Philip Maxfield Harrison, P.G.St.B.
Dist.Comp. Malvern Williams, P.G.St.B.
Dist.Comp. William Chrystal, P.G.Gdr.
Dist.Comp. Christopher Norman Tindall, P.G.Stwd.

2a The Executive Committee also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 February 2026 and 24 April 2026:

Dist.Comp. Roland John Bedford, P.G.Her.
Dist.Comp. Edwin Bryant Goodwin, P.G.Her.
Dist.Comp. Ian Alfred Eaton, P.A.G.D.C.
Dist.Comp. Stanley Crawford, P.G.Her.
Dist.Comp. David Lloyd Griffiths, P.G.St.B.
Dist.Comp. Gerald Walter Gillan Ridge, P.G.St.B.

3. Appointments

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus has been pleased to make the following appointments at his pleasure:

Dist.Comp. Alan Andrew Buntain, IV, to be the primus Provincial Grand Summus for the new province of THE BORDERS, with effect from Friday, 3 October 2025 – comprising The Thistle & Red Rose Consistory No. 74 (T.I.), Ian Stanley Currans Consistory No. 100 (formerly West Lancashire), and Lindisfarne Consistory No. 111 (formerly Durham and Northumberland);

Dist.Comp. Paul Arthur Joynson, IV, P.Dep.G.St.B., to be Provincial Grand Summus for the newly amalgamated province of LANCASHIRE with effect from Saturday, 4 October 2025, in succession to R.Dist.Comp. Allan Martin Shields, P.Prov.G.S. (East Lancashire) and R.Dist.Comp. Geoffrey Raymond Gill, P.Prov.G.S. (West Lancashire).

4. Warrants of Constitution

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus has been pleased to grant Warrants of Constitution for the following Consistories:

The Maurice Bendig Consistory No. 165 – West Yorkshire
Red Dragon Consistory No.166 – Cheshire and North Wales
Orationes Accipiamus Consistory No. 167 – Durham and Northumberland
Lemincum Consistory No. 168 – France
Saxon Cross Consistory No. 169 – Cheshire and North Wales
Beth-El Consistory No. 170 – France
Le Sceau de Salomon Consistory No. 171 – France
Elysium Consistory No. 172 – East Anglia
Invicta Pride of Kent Consistory No. 173 – Kent
The Knole Consistory No. 174 – Kent

5. Grand Honours

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus has ruled that **23 November** is the latest date by which recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Recorder.

6. Fees and Annual Dues

In accordance with Regulation 103, it has been agreed that the Standard rate of registration and other fees payable by Consistories to Grand Senatus for the financial year 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027 shall be as 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 Provincial / District Grand Summus or Grand Inspector..... at cost

REGISTRATION

Annual Dues £35.00
Installed Presidents' Consistory..... £17.50
Companion on Reception or a Joining Companion from another Constitution
not previously on the Register of Grand Senatus..... £30.00
Joining Companion already registered £23.00
Founder member of a new Consistory being a Companion already on the
Register of Grand Senatus £8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Senatus Certificate £30.00

DISPENSATIONS

Consistory or President Elect £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 Nunc Pro Tunc and charged accordingly.

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 Consistories and Companions in England and Wales. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

7. 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 Recorders and Recorders of Unattached Consistories 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:

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

24 April 2026

R.Dist.Comp. T. D. Currans, VI, G.Reg.Vic.
President of the Executive Committee

R.Dist.Comp. D. M. Heath, VI, P.G.Vice Chan.
Grand Recorder



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

