



KENSINGTON PALACE

The Annual Investiture meeting brings together Mark Master Masons from across England, Wales and our Districts overseas to celebrate the achievements of those Brethren whom I have appointed to Grand Rank in recognition of their service to our Order.

It is an event that proclaims the happiness we all derive from the practice of our craft and the enthusiasm with which we embrace the tenets and principles of Mark Masonry.

For many, today would have started early as you made your way to London – some to be invested, others in support of Brethren from the same Lodge, Province or District whose efforts are being recognised. Some people make the journey year after year simply to enjoy the atmosphere of such a great occasion.

I share your disappointment that we are not able to gather at Freemasons' Hall today for what is always a very enjoyable meeting. The presence of Brethren from the farthest parts of the Constitution, as well as delegations representing our sister Grand Lodges from across the world, emphasise that we are part of a global family supporting one another in good times and bad.

To the Brethren due to be invested today, I send my warmest congratulations. Grand Rank is not only a recognition of your past contribution but is a reward for future efforts and I am sure that in your new situation you will continue to support the development of Mark Masonry in every aspect and work towards building a brighter future for our Order.

As we prepare to take our first tentative steps on the road towards a resumption of masonic activity, we should reflect on the useful lessons we have learned in the past few months. We must not let the past dictate what we are, but we should let it shape what we will become – perhaps a leaner organisation than before but one that is fitter and stronger.

Let us look forward together to brighter days when we can resume our masonry safely and confidently.

HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO
Grand Master