

The Grand Council of the Order of Allied Masonic Degrees
of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas



M.W.Bro. THOMAS FIRTH JACKSON
Grand Master

R.W.Bro. COLIN ROBERT WOODCOCK, MBE
Deputy Grand Master

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

September 2026

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Annual Meeting of Grand Council will be held on Tuesday, **27 October 2026**, at **1 p.m.** in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

All Brethren of the Order are eligible to attend. Active Officers of the year will enter in procession and have a reserved seat in the Grand Temple providing they have given notice of their intention to attend.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Deputy and Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Deacons, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Inner Guard, Grand Stewards and the Grand Tyler at the rehearsal commencing at 11 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary

DRESS: Short black coat or dark lounge suit.

Grand Officers, District Grand Officers and holders of Overseas Allied Grand Rank will wear full dress regalia. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters will wear the collar and jewel of their respective offices. All other Brethren will wear the jewel of the Order

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

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Council.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the meeting of Grand Council held on Tuesday, 28 October 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 August 2026, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To present the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, as printed in **Appendix B**.
6. To receive the report on the accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026.
7. To elect and proclaim the Grand Master.
8. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Master.
9. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
10. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for 2026/2027.
11. To appoint professionally qualified and registered Auditors in accordance with Regulation 20 (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
12. To elect two Brethren to serve as trustees of Grand Council in accordance with Regulation 20 (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations.
13. To appoint two Brethren to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following will be appointed in accordance with Regulation 117 (i):
R.W.Bro. G. P. Snape, P.Dist.G.Pref. (West Lancashire)
R.W.Bro. R. S. H. Hussey, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Surrey)
14. To elect two Brethren to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following have been nominated in accordance with Regulation 117 (i):
R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Devon and Cornwall)
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref. (East Anglia)
15. The Grand Master will address Grand Council.
16. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Council.
17. To close Grand Council.

Appendix A

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

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2026, 247 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2026 was 4,871.

2. In Memoriam

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

R.W.Bro. Raymond Hua Hsin Teng, *Jnr*, Dist.G.Pref. for Far East
R.W.Bro. Edwin Bryant Goodwin, P.Dist.G.Pref. (London)
R.W.Bro. David Gilfoy Jackson, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Yorkshire)
R.W.Bro. Lt Frank Morris Jefferies, *RAN (Retd)*, P.Dist.G.Pref. (Yorkshire)
R.W.Bro. Terence Albert Dennis Bowler, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Raymond George Fretten, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. Samuel John Brown, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. Geoffrey William Litherland, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. Malcolm Christopher Moreland, *KCLJ*, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. Nidrel James Walsh, P.G.J.W.
V.W.Bro. John Garroway, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. John Knox, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Ying Ko, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Arnold Long, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Frederick Craigie Main, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Kenneth William Morris, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Dr David Graham Shipley, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Capt. (Retd) John Railton Simons, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Raymond Edward Roy Walters, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Malvern Williams, P.G.Reg.
W.Bro. Robert William Chilvers, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Alexander Lamont Purves, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. John Michael James Rixson, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Geoffrey Melvyn Cowley, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Michael Richard Dickinson, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Glyn Hughes, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Peter William Hughes, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Edwin Frederick John Purkis, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Leslie John Spencer, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Robert John Tanswell, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. John Michael Warden, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Reginald Frank Ephraim Amis, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Ian Dalgleish Daniel, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Jack Devlin, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Eric Gosnay, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Sidney Santhouse, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Roland John Bedford, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Sydney Lynton Brailey, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Ernest George Broadhead, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Colin William Corder, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Derek Edwicker, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Howard Nicholas Emmett, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Peter Sotheran Hodgson, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Douglas Jack Ferguson Nimmo, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Gerald Walter Gillan Ridge, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Harvey Andrew Roland, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Michael Campbell Ross Tod, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Terence Sloan, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Albert Stephanus Coetzee Truter, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Brian Thomas White, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Stanley Crawford, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Henry John Emms, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Lionel James George, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. John Stuart Hay, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Anthony Sheppardson, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Roy Kenneth Skelton, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Brian Wilkinson, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. John Bruce Coulton, P.G.Stwd.
 W.Bro. Louis De Bouvere, P.G.Stwd.

3. Appointments

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

V.W.Bro. Scott Andrew James Cargill, P.G.Reg., to be District Grand Prefect for LONDON in succession to R.W.Bro. Colin Robert Woodcock, *MBE*, Dep.G.M., with effect from 15 November 2025;

W.Bro. Clive Copley, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Prefect for YORKSHIRE in succession to R.W.Bro. Brian Butterfield, with effect from 28 March 2026;

W.Bro. Ian Crossley, P.G.J.D., to be District Grand Prefect for HERTFORDSHIRE AND BEDFORDSHIRE in succession to R.W.Bro. Geoffrey George Cheshire, with effect from 11 April 2026;

R.W.Bro. Angus John Delano Stevenson-Hamilton, P.Dist.G.Pref (Far East) to be District Grand Prefect for FAR EAST in succession to the late R.W.Bro. Raymond Hua Hsin Teng, *Jr*, with effect from 6 June 2026.

4. Warrant of Constitution

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Warrant of Constitution for the following new Council:

Hibernia Council No. 289 – London

5. Warrants of Confirmation

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants of Confirmation to the following Councils:

Sydney Council No. 49 – New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory

Sophia Council No. 279 – Unattached (Greece)

6. Councils in Abeyance

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

Swaziland Council No. 92 – South Africa

Islas Canarias Council No. 239 – Spain

7. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **1 June 2027** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

8. Fees and Annual Dues

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year **1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027** shall be as follows:

WARRANTS

For a new Warrant.....	at cost
For a Warrant of Confirmation	at cost
For a Celebration Warrant	at cost

PATENTS

For a District Grand Prefect.....	at cost
For a Patent of Confirmation	at cost

DISPENSATIONS

Council or Master 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 FEES

Annual Dues (1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027)	£35.00
Annual Dues – Installed Masters' Councils	£17.50
Registration of a Brother on Reception	£30.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered	£30.00
A Joining Brother already registered	£23.00
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother already registered	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council 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 Councils and Brethren in the United Kingdom. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

9. 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 Secretaries and Secretaries of Inspectorates and Unattached Councils are requested to address communications either to the Grand Secretary or the most appropriate member of MMH staff by name, depending on the nature of the communication. Communications should only be marked '*Private & Confidential*' by exception. All such communications should be sent to:

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

7 September 2026

R.W.Bro. J. C. Roberts, P.G.J.W., Pres.E.C.

R.W.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.

Appendix B

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees who served during the year and to the date of signing this report are:

H Gould, *OBE* (Retired 16 April 2025)

J R G Hilditch (Appointed 16 April 2025)

C R Manuel (Appointed 16 April 2025)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are as follows.

The day to day management of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees.

The management of the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees 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 Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

I A Bailey (Retired 28 October 2025)

P Magnay, *DL*

C H Bull

J C Roberts – President

C D Davies (Retired 23 October 2024)

P W Tarrant

Dr G J Davies (Retired 23 October 2024)

(Appointed 23 October 2024, Retired 28 October 2025)

T R Edwards (Appointed 28 October 2025)

C R Woodcock, *MBE* (Appointed 28 October 2025)

R W Freeman

G R Goddard

J R G Hilditch (Appointed 23 October 2024)

K Hodgson (Appointed 23 October 2024, Retired 28 October 2025)

T F Jackson

A W Llewellyn (Appointed 28 October 2025)

A S McLaren

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

POLICY

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees seeks to maintain funds for special events and ceremonial meetings.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 29 April 2026 and signed on its behalf

J C Roberts

PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D.M. Heath', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

D M Heath

GRAND SECRETARY

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
INCOME		
Bank Interest	68	<i>87</i>
	68	<i>87</i>
EXPENDITURE		
Bank charges	0	<i>0</i>
	68	<i>87</i>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	68	<i>87</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 Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees during the year ended 31 August 2025.

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Annual Dues	119,191	<i>116,734</i>
Registration Fees	8,716	<i>3,587</i>
Warrants (at cost)	990	<i>175</i>
Fees of Honour	10,840	<i>10,163</i>
Dispensations	1,430	<i>1,058</i>
Year Books	3,000	<i>3,085</i>
	144,167	<i>134,802</i>

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

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		<u>3,322</u>	<u>3,254</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,322</u>	<u>3,254</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3,322</u>	<u>3,254</u>
Represented by:			
CAPITAL FUND			
Balance at 1 September 2024		3,254	3,167
Surplus for the year		<u>68</u>	<u>87</u>
BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2025		<u>3,322</u>	<u>3,254</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, on which they have indicated they will give an unqualified audit report.

J R G Hilditch

Grand Treasurer

Date: 29 April 2026

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

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

1. ENTITY INFORMATION

The Grand Council of The Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees 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.

All activities contained within these financial statements are continuing.

NOTICES

1. GRAND COUNCIL

Secretaries of all Councils are required to forward copies of this Summons to Worshipful Brothers and to all other Brethren who wish to attend the Annual Meeting.

2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Annual Meeting of Grand Council at approximately 3.15p.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/allied-masonic-degrees/grand-council/amd-oct>

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Tuesday, 13 October 2026** – all details are on the website. Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to **7 days** prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded. Please email: **amdsupport@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 Districts and Councils are available in the document store on KOL. Secretaries are advised not to save copies to a PC or 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 is 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 can 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 Mark Masons' Hall via our 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: **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or Tel: **020 7747 1191**.



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**