

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England
and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas



MINUTES
of the
COMMUNICATION
of GRAND LODGE
held on Tuesday, 9 June 2026

at 1 p.m. in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall
60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

PRESENT

GRAND MASTER

M.W.Bro. HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO

PRESIDING & INSTALLING OFFICER

M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith, P.Pro G.M.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson

ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

R.W.Bro. Peter David Williams

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W.Bro. H. K. Emmerson

R.W.Bro. F. C. Spencer

PRO GRAND MASTER DESIGNATE

R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, OStJ, P.Prov.G.M., South Wales

PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS

R.W.Bro. M. A. Cooper	District Grand Master for Germany
R.W.Bro. M. Chellappa	District Grand Master for Madras
R.W.Bro. J. Verbist	District Grand Master for Belgium
R.W.Bro. B. R. Mansell	District Grand Master for Spain
R.W.Bro. K. A. Beardmore	Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire
R.W.Bro. G. J. Deacon	Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire & Isle of Wight
R.W.Bro. G. R. Hicks	Provincial Grand Master for Dyfed
R.W.Bro. I. W. Wright	Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire
R.W.Bro. T. Quinn	Provincial Grand Master for London

R.W.Bro. R. F. Richardson.....	Provincial Grand Master for Sussex
R.W.Bro. J. S. Evans.....	Provincial Grand Master for North Wales
R.W.Bro. R. A. Walton.....	Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland
R.W.Bro. D. J. Boswell.....	Provincial Grand Master for East Anglia
R.W.Bro. C. C. Adkin.....	Provincial Grand Master for Nottinghamshire
R.W.Bro. G. D. Seeman.....	Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire
R.W.Bro. J. H. Smith.....	Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire
R.W.Bro. G. R. Horstman.....	Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire
R.W.Bro. D. R. Tilbury.....	District Grand Master for Gibraltar
R.W.Bro. G. Hutchinson.....	Provincial Grand Master for Derbyshire
R.W.Bro. B. P. Gargett.....	Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire and Herefordshire
R.W.Bro. S. Lee.....	Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire
R.W.Bro. K. D. Bristow.....	Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire
R.W.Bro. J. D. Harrison.....	Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire
R.W.Bro. A. Bonechi.....	District Grand Master for Italy
R.W.Bro. B. Kirkbride.....	Provincial Grand Master for Cumberland and Westmorland
R.W.Bro. D. C. Purdie.....	Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire
R.W.Bro. K. J. Spencer.....	Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire & Shropshire
R.W.Bro. C. Mihutoiu.....	District Grand Master for Romania
R.W.Bro. D. N. Hanson.....	Provincial Grand Master for Durham
R.W.Bro. J. V. C. French.....	Provincial Grand Master for Surrey
R.W.Bro. P. J. Furness.....	Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall
R.W.Bro. J. D. Sowerby.....	Provincial Grand Master for Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford
R.W.Bro. P. Kirpensteijn.....	District Grand Master for The Netherlands
R.W.Bro. V. H. Pomeroy.....	Provincial Grand Master for Dorset
R.W.Bro. J. T. Bolton.....	Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. R. A. Mayers, <i>GTE, JP</i>	District Grand Master for South and East Caribbean
R.W.Bro. J. Finlay.....	Provincial Grand Master for Essex
R.W.Bro. B. W. Dykes.....	Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire
R.W.Bro. P. J. Hyde.....	Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex
R.W.Bro. A. R. Armbrister.....	Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire
R.W.Bro. O. W. R. Francis.....	District Grand Master for Jamaica & Cayman Islands
R.W.Bro. A. S. Lee.....	Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire & Rutland
R.W.Bro. P. W. Davies.....	Provincial Grand Master for South Wales
R.W.Bro. Revd J. T. Parker.....	Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire
R.W.Bro. M. B. Summers.....	Provincial Grand Master for Kent
R.W.Bro. A. M. Henton.....	Provincial Grand Master for Channel Islands
R.W.Bro. C. Chow.....	District Grand Master for Hong Kong
R.W.Bro. P. D. Barham.....	Provincial Grand Master for North & East Yorkshire
R.W.Bro. S. Roberts.....	Provincial Grand Master for Lincolnshire
R.W.Bro. A. R. Guthrie.....	Provincial Grand Master for Somerset
R.W.Bro. A. S. Hawkins.....	Provincial Grand Master for Bristol

HOLDER OF THE ORDER OF SERVICE TO MARK MASTER MASONRY

R.W.Bro. P. H. Rollin, P.Prov.G.M., East Anglia (1998–2010)

PAST PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND MASTERS

R.W.Bro. P. Magnay, P.Prov.G.M., Northumberland (1999–2009)

R.W.Bro. M. Meade, P.Prov.G.M., Wiltshire (2002–2010)

R.W.Bro. R. J. Wade, P.Prov.G.M., Kent (2003–2008)

R.W.Bro. R. S. H. Hussey, P.Prov.G.M., Surrey (2004–2014)

R.W.Bro. G. E. Bonham, P.Prov.G.M., Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire (2006–2017)

R.W.Bro. P. Hawken, *MBE*, P.Prov.G.M., Devonshire (2006–2016)

R.W.Bro. P. J. Sands, P.Prov.G.M., Berkshire (2007–2013)

R.W.Bro. J. B. Truswell, P.Prov.G.M., West Yorkshire (2007–2015)
 R.W.Bro. D. J. F. Rawlins, P.Prov.G.M., Warwickshire (2007-2012)
 R.W.Bro. C. D. Radmore, P.Prov.G.M., Hertfordshire (2008–2018)
 R.W.Bro. F. J. Shaw, P.Prov.G.M., Dorset (2008–2015)
 R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Prov.G.M., East Anglia (2010–2020)
 R.W.Bro. D. F. Ashbolt, P.Prov.G.M., London (2011–2019)
 R.W.Bro. C. M. Wilson, P.Prov.G.M., Sussex (2012–2020)
 R.W.Bro. J. Steggles, Prov.G.M., West Yorkshire (2012–2023)
 R.W.Bro. R. S. Mac, P.Prov.G.M., Warwickshire, (2012–2017)
 R.W.Bro. R. J. Olliver, P.Prov.G.M., Berkshire (2013–2021)
 R.W.Bro. J. G. Morgan, RRC, *TD, JP*, P.Prov.G.M., Somerset (2014–2019)
 R.W.Bro. T. D. Sheern, P.Prov.G.M., Essex (2015-2024)
 R.W.Bro. D. E. Tremaine, P.Prov.G.M., Buckinghamshire (2015–2022)
 R.W.Bro. E. J. Rymer, P.Prov.G.M., Worcestershire (2015–2025)
 R.W.Bro. T. R. E. Jones, P.Prov.G.M., South Wales (2016–2025)
 R.W.Bro. A. P. Beaumont, P.Prov.G.M., Wiltshire (2016–2022)
 R.W.Bro. P. J. Balsom, P.Prov.G.M., Devonshire (2016–2022)
 R.W.Bro. P. J. Mann, P.Prov.G.M., Leicestershire & Rutland (2017–2025)
 R.W.Bro. K. M. Blackburn, *OSTJ*, P.Prov.G.M., Isle of Man (2017–2022)
 R.W.Bro. E. R. Garty, P.Prov.G.M., Middlesex (2017–2024)
 R.W.Bro. S. Rawlings, P.Prov.G.M., Bristol (2019–2026)
 R.W.Bro. P. C. Voisey, P.Prov.G.M., Somerset (2019–2026)

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

R.W.Bro. Lt Cdr A. P. D. Hannagan, *RD, MStJ*.....Grand Senior Warden
 R.W.Bro. P. E. Rubie-Todd Grand Junior Warden
 V.W.Bro. N. D. MilburnGrand Master Overseer
 V.W.Bro. D. M. Wheeler Grand Senior Overseer
 V.W.Bro. B. Hughes Grand Junior Overseer
 V.W.Bro. The Revd P. P. Paterson, P.G.M.O..... Grand Chaplain
 R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.J.W.President of the General Board
 R.W.Bro. J. R. G. Hilditch, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire) Grand Treasurer
 R.W.Bro. His Hon. K. C. Cutler, *CBE*, P.G.S.W.Grand Registrar
 R.W.Bro. I. N. Clark, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey) President of the Mark Benevolent Fund
 R.W.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.J.W.Grand Secretary
 R.W.Bro. C. M. L. Davies, P.G.J.W.Grand Director of Ceremonies
 V.W.Bro. V. J. Driver, P.G.M.O.Grand Inspector of Works
 W.Bro. A. A. BlackGrand Sword Bearer
 V.W.Bro. Revd A. W. Avery, P.G.J.O.Deputy Grand Chaplain
 R.W.Bro. D. R. Clancey, P.Prov.G.M. (N. & E. Yorks) ..Deputy President of the General Board
 W.Bro. L. G. Clement, P.G.J.D.Deputy Grand Registrar
 R.W.Bro. K. J. Hicks, P.Prov.G.M. (Cornwall) .. Deputy President of the Mark Benevolent Fund
 W.Bro. A. R. Brumwell, *JP*Deputy Grand Secretary
 W.Bro. A. C. Jennings Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. R. G. Harrison Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. A. J. Brown as Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
 W.Bro. M. A. Evans Deputy Grand Inspector of Works
 W.Bro. J. W. Lane Deputy Grand Sword Bearer
 W.Bro. I. M. H. BennettGrand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. M. R. ConstantGrand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. A. C. Howlett-BoltonGrand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. J. M. RimmerGrand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. M. J. StockerGrand Senior Deacon
 W.Bro. E. J. CarterGrand Junior Deacon

W.Bro. R. E. S. Cawston.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro. K. P. C. Hendle.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro. M. Jessop.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro. B. Kennedy.....	Grand Junior Deacon
W.Bro. Revd S. A. Thorn.....	Assistant Grand Chaplain
W.Bro. S. Rajput	Assistant Grand Registrar
W.Bro. D. Merish, P.G.S.D.....	Assistant Grand Secretary
W.Bro. Lt Col. M. C. A. Caseman-Jones, <i>TD</i>	Assistant Grand Secretary
W.Bro. N. Daines	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. M. I. A. Gaskin.....	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. G. K. Jeffery	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. J. R. Ormston	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. Dr J. P. Shervington	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. K. R. Williams.....	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
W.Bro. C. D. C. Griggs.....	Assistant Grand Inspector of Works
W.Bro. P. C. Bunyan	Assistant Grand Sword Bearer
V.W.Bro. Dr J. W. Hawkins, P.G.J.O.	Grand Librarian
V.W.Bro. M. Rizzardi, P.G.J.O.....	Grand Organist
W.Bro. C. Thomason.....	Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. J. W. Read.....	Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. D. C. T. G. Roberts-Jones, P.G.J.D.....	Deputy Grand Organist
W.Bro. P. Harrison.....	Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. F. J. Schwarzingar.....	Assistant Grand Standard Bearer
W.Bro. W. O. Davies	Assistant Grand Organist
W.Bro. D. M. Eldridge	Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. G. C. Lambeth.....	Assistant Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. R. J. H. Austin	Grand Steward
W.Bro. J. J. Cunningham	Grand Steward
W.Bro. S. J. D. Daly	Grand Steward
W.Bro. G. L. Ellis.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. J. C. Fitzgerald	Grand Steward
W.Bro. S. Harman.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. W. Harrison	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. V. Hoare	Grand Steward
W.Bro. T. F. Jessopp	Grand Steward
W.Bro. P. D. Lapage.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. J. Letham	Grand Steward
W.Bro. A. C. Maurier	Grand Steward
W.Bro. R. G. Palmer	Grand Steward
W.Bro. I. S. Paul.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. B. C. Povey	Grand Steward
W.Bro. D. J. Ratchford	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. A. Rees.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. L. B. Richardson.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. R. Scott	Grand Steward
W.Bro. C. S. Trizis.....	Grand Steward
W.Bro. G. J. Waddoups	Grand Steward
W.Bro. M. J. West	as Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND WARDENS

R.W.Bro. J. W. Daniel, P.G.S.W., 2007
R.W.Bro. Sir D. Wootton, P.G.S.W., 2015
R.W.Bro. N. H. Matthews, P.G.S.W., 2022

R.W.Bro. R. A. H. Morrow, P.G.J.W., 2004
 R.W.Bro. Sir N. Lloyd-Edwards, *KCVO, RD, RNR*, P.G.J.W., 2013
 R.W.Bro. G. F. Redman, P.G.J.W., 2014
 R.W.Bro. J. C. Edgcumbe, P.G.J.W., 2019
 R.W.Bro. Lt Col. J. C. Chambers, P.G.J.W., 2019
 R.W.Bro. R. Guthrie, P.G.J.W., 2021
 R.W.Bro. B. D. Harry, P.G.J.W., 2021
 R.W.Bro. F. A. Rankin, P.G.J.W., 2022
 R.W.Bro. J. C. Whitaker, *JP, DL*, P.G.J.W., 2022
 R.W.Bro. G. H. Lee, P.G.J.W., 2023
 R.W.Bro. N. A. B. Grout, P.G.J.W., 2023
 R.W.Bro. Col. S. D'O. Duckworth, *OBE, DL*, P.G.J.W., 2024
 R.W.Bro. Surg. Cdr N. F. J. Scott-Moncrieff, *RN*, P.G.J.W., 2024
 R.W.Bro. J. P. Clendinning, P.G.J.W., 2025
 R.W.Bro. J. C. Roberts, P.G.J.W., 2025

HEADS OF ORDERS

R.W.Bro. J. Spence, <i>DL</i> , P.G.S.W.	Pro Grand Master & Pro 1st Grand Principal – UGLE
R.W.Bro. G. L. Flight, P.G.S.W.	Grand Sovereign – RCC
R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W.	Grand Master – RSM
R.W.Bro. T. F. Jackson, P.G.S.W.	Grand Master – AMD
R.W.Bro. A. C. Sweeney, P.G.S.W.	Grand Supreme Ruler – OSM
R.W.Bro. D. K. Williamson, P.G.S.W., 2002	Lieutenant Grand Commander – A&A Rite
R.W.Bro. I. S. Currans, P.G.J.W.	Grand Summus – SC
W.Bro. Dr P. Mycock, P.G.J.D.	First Grand Master Mason – The Operatives
V.W.Bro. C. G. Maiden, P.G.S.O.	Grand High Priest – KTP
V.W.Bro. Dr V. Thomas, <i>JP</i> , P.G.J.O.	Grand Master – KBHC
V.W.Bro. A. W. Llewellyn, P.G.J.O.	Supreme Magus – SRIA

BRETHREN FROM OVERSEAS

BELGIUM

V.W.Bro. F. Clarembaux, P.G.J.O.
 V.W.Bro. D. Shields, P.G.J.O.
 W.Bro. G. E. A. Denys, P.G.S.D., Dep.Dist.G.M.
 W.Bro. P. Neefs, Dist.G.Sec.
 Bro. D. Hannaert
 Bro. S. Sorgeloos

BRAZIL

W.Bro. J. A. Thomaz, A.Dist.G.M.
 W.Bro. A. Peron
 Bro. L. Frare De Avelar Teixeira

EAST AFRICA

W.Bro. A. D. Shah

GERMANY

V.W.Bro. D. J. McDougall, P.G.J.O.
 W.Bro. S. Pipes, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. N. W. Schoen, P.A.G.Swd.B.
 W.Bro. A. G. Cox
 Bro. R. Palka
 Bro. C. A. M. Trubacek

GHANA

W.Bro. G. Mill, P.A.G.D.C.

GIBRALTAR

W.Bro. J. H. A. Geddes, Dist.G.Sec.

HONG KONG

Bro. J. P. Crompton

ITALY

W.Bro. D. Testerini, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. S. Poretti

JAMAICA AND CAYMAN ISLAND

W.Bro. D. E. Pellow

NEW ZEALAND

W.Bro. A. B. Mansfield

NIGERIA

Bro. K. J-L. Njoku

ROMANIA

W.Bro. A. Dimitriu, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. C. Turiluc, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. S. A. Ionescu, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. C. D. Anton

W.Bro. M. A. Bitea

W.Bro. S. C. Cuturela

W.Bro. A. Vonica

W.Bro. G. R. Rosca

with 26 other Brethren in attendance

SINGAPORE

W.Bro. Y. T. L. Wong

SOUTH AND EAST CARIBBEAN

V.W.Bro. G. L. Gill, *SLMM*, P.G.J.O.

V.W.Bro. L. E. B. Nanton, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. J. P. Aspinall, *MBE*

W.Bro. R. A. Lindsay

W.Bro. J. J. K Herrera

SPAIN

W.Bro. I. M. Crawford, P.G.S.D.

W.Bro. V. Climente-Valero, P.G.J.D.

W.Bro. R. A. Mitchell, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. T. Whitehead, P.A.G.Swd.B.

W.Bro. C. Langley, P.A.G.Swd.B., A.Dist.G.M.

W.Bro. G. Ramshead

with six other Brethren in attendance

SRI LANKA

W.Bro. D. S. Rose, P.G.J.D.

THE NETHERLANDS

V.W.Bro. H. G. Lazet, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. H. Van Tuil, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. R. A. Verwey, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. M. Droogers, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. P. W. Haans, P.G.St.B., A.Dist.G.M.

W.Bro. C. E. O. Van Der Aa, Dist.G.Sec.

W.Bro. C. J. Nederstigt

with nine other Brethren in attendance

THE TRANSVAAL

W.Bro. R. Bhageerutty

St Aubyn Lodge No. 64 (Unattached – Serbia)

Bro. N. Dordevic

Itawa Lodge No. 1442 (Unattached – Zambia):

W.Bro. R. L. Patel

Broadley Lodge No. 1863 (Unattached – Malta)

W.Bro. J. Bond

W.Bro. J. D. Campbell

DEPUTATIONS FROM OTHER GRAND LODGES

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF FINLAND

M.W.Bro. V. Allenan, G.M.

R.W.Bro. A. T. Nurminen, G.Sec.

R.W.Bro. P. Olkinuora, G.D.C.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF GREECE

M.W.Bro. S. Fassoulas, G.M.

R.W.Bro. I. Benetatos, P.G.S.W.

W.Bro. C. Diavatis, Dep.G.Sec.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF SWITZERLAND

M.W.Bro. F. Waridel, G.M.

R.W.Bro. E. Hettana, G.Insp.W

GRANDE LOGE DE MARQUE DE FRANCE RÉUNIE

M.W.Bro. D. A. Fontanili, G.M.

M.W.Bro. D. R. A. Paquet, P.G.M.

R.W.Bro. L. C. A. Madier, G.Chan.

R.W.Bro. B. Truno, A.G.M.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF BRAZIL

M.W.Bro. M. S. Nunes da Costa, G.M.

M.W.Bro. J. R. Hencotte, Dep.G.M.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE STATE OF SÃO PAULO

M.W.Bro. Jorge Haddad, G.M.

W.Bro. J. F. S. E. de Oliveira, G.J.D

GRAND LODGE OF ESTONIA

M.W.Bro. P. Tenjes, G.M.

M.W.Bro. A. Oidsalu, P.G.M.

GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

M.W.Bro. T. C. Ong, G.M.

R.W.Bro. A. S. Downes, P.J.G.W.

R.W.Bro. K. J. Kuruvilla, G.S.W.

R.W.Bro. I. Ellston, G.J.W

W.Bro. A. Moss, A.G.D.C.

GRAND LODGE OF MASTER MASONS OF MARQUE AND NAUTONIERS DE L'ARCHE ROYALE DE CÔTE D'IVOIRE

M.W.Bro. A.-R. Donwahi, G.M.

R.W.Bro. B. M. O. Jolissant, Dep.G.Chan., Grand Inspecteur

W.Bro. M. O. Bahi, Dep.G.Treas.
W.Bro. J. C. D. Figali, G.Chan.
W.Bro. A. Anselme
Bro. P Lamadieu

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE STATE OF ESPIRITO SANTO
M.W.Bro. J. V. Santos, G.M.

And a number of Past Grand Officers, Masters, Wardens, Overseers, Past Masters and other Brethren.

Report of Proceedings

1. OPENING

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Presiding Officer, Most Worshipful Brother Raymond John Smith, P.Pro G.M., was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

2. IN MEMORIAM

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer announced that since the last meeting of Grand Lodge the Great Overseer of the Universe had called a number of Brethren to higher service. He mentioned in particular the loss of R.W.Bro. Linton Anthony Andrews, *JP*, P.Dist.G.M. (Jamaica & Cayman Islands), and R.W.Bro. Wg Cdr John Irfon Davies, *CBE*, P.G.J.W. In total, there were 35 Grand Officers detailed in the report of the General Board.

The Brethren stood to order while the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 10 March 2026, which had been circulated with the Summons, were taken as read, approved and adopted.

4. REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The Report of the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the three months ended 31 March 2026, as printed in **Appendix A** of the summons, was taken as read, approved and adopted.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced that the following Brethren will serve on the General Board, in accordance with Regulation 49 (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations:

R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.J.W., President
R.W.Bro. D. R. Clancey, P.Prov.G.M. (North & East Yorkshire) – Deputy President
R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, *OSTJ*, Pro G.M. designate
R.W.Bro. Prof. D. K. Wilson, Dep.G.M.
R.W.Bro. P. D. Williams, A.G.M.
R.W.Bro. J. R. G. Hilditch, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire), G.Treas.
R.W.Bro. His Hon. Judge K. C. Cutler, *CBE*, P.G.S.W., G.Reg.
R.W.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.
R.W.Bro. C. M. L. Davies, P.G.J.W., G.D.C.
R.W.Bro. B. P. Gargett, Prov.G.M. for Gloucestershire & Herefordshire
R.W.Bro. R. A. Walton, Prov.G.M. for Northumberland

6. ELECTIONS TO THE GENERAL BOARD OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced the names of Brethren who had been nominated to serve on the General Board in accordance with Regulation 49 (i) of the Constitutions and Regulations:

R.W.Bro. K. A. Beardmore, Prov.G.M. for West Lancashire

R.W.Bro. R. Poole, Dist.G.M. for South Africa (Eastern Division)

R.W.Bro. C. C. Adkin, Prov.G.M. for Nottinghamshire

There having been no other nominations and there being three vacancies, the Most Worshipful Presiding Officer declared these Brethren duly elected.

7. MEMBERSHIP OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF MARK MASONS' HALL

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced the appointment of the following Brethren to serve on the Management Board in accordance with Regulation 68 (ii) of the Constitutions and Regulations:

R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, *OSTJ*, Pro G.M. designate – Chairman

R.W.Bro. Prof. D. K. Wilson, Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. P. D. Williams, A.G.M.

R.W.Bro. J. R. G. Hilditch, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire), G.Treas.

R.W.Bro. G. L. Flight, P.G.S.W. – G.Sov., RCC

R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W. – G.M., RSM

R.W.Bro. T. F. Jackson, P.G.S.W. – G.M., AMD

R.W.Bro. A. C. Sweeney, P.G.S.W. – G.S.R., OSM

R.W.Bro. I. S. Currans, P.G.S.W. – G.S., SC

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

R.W.Bro. J. C. Whitaker, *JP, DL*, P.G.J.W.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO THE APPEAL COURT

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced that the following Brethren had been appointed to serve on the Appeal Court in accordance with Regulation 65 (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations:

R.W.Bro. The Revd J. T. Parker, Prov.G.M. for Worcestershire

R.W.Bro. G. F. Redman, P.G.J.W.

R.W.Bro. J. C. Whitaker, *JP, DL*, P.G.J.W.

V.W.Bro. L. E. Bourne, *JP*, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. M. C. W. Hall-Smith, P.A.G.Reg.

W.Bro. M. St J. French, P.A.G.Reg.

9. ELECTIONS TO THE APPEAL COURT

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for election by Grand Lodge to serve on the Appeal Court in accordance with Regulation 65 (iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations:

R.W.Bro. R. L. Gan, *JP*, P.Prov.G.M. (Middlesex)

R.W.Bro. K. J. Jones, P.G.S.W.

V.W.Bro. Cdr C. J. Aspinell, *RD, JP*, P.G.J.O.

W.Bro. Revd M. C. G. Lane, *JP*, P.Dep.G.Chap.

W.Bro. S. R. Dawes, P.A.G.Reg.

There having been no other nominations and there being six vacancies, the Most Worshipful Presiding Officer declared the Brethren duly elected.

10. (a) MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who advised that the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund had made grants to the following worthy causes:

The Harlequins Foundation – Wheelchair Rugby	£41,689
Stoke Mandeville Maulers Wheelchair Rugby Club.....	£35,360
Ashburton Swimming Pool	£25,000
SOFEA.....	£25,000
Age UK Manchester	£21,533
South Warwickshire Plato Trust.....	£20,000
Kent Neuro Therapy Centre	£18,159
Northampton Saints Wheelchair Rugby Club	£11,721
The Veterans Hub – Weymouth & Portland CIC	£8,944
Dragons Wheelchair Rugby Club	£6,535
The MusicSpace Trust.....	£3,591
Penrith Pumas Wheelchair Rugby Club – Carlisle & Cumbria	£3,141
TOTAL	£220,673

(b) ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for election by Grand Lodge to serve as Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund in accordance with Annex A – Section 4.1.4 of the Trust Deed:

R.W.Bro. R. F. Richardson, Prov.G.M. for Sussex
 R.W.Bro. G. Hutchinson, Prov.G.M. for Derbyshire
 R.W.Bro. A. R. Armbrister, Prov.G.M. for Warwickshire

There having been no other nominations and there being three vacancies, the Most Worshipful Presiding Officer declared these Brethren duly elected.

(c) APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARK BENEVOLENT FUND

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced that the following Brethren had been appointed to serve as trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund in accordance with Section 4.1.5 of the Trust Deed:

R.W.Bro. D. N. Hanson, Prov.G.M. for Durham
 R.W.Bro. P. W. Davies, Prov.G.M. for South Wales
 V.W.Bro. I. Wolstencroft, P.G.J.O.

(d) BRETHREN CO-OPTED TO SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF THE M.B.F.

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer again called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who announced that the following Brethren had been co-opted to serve as trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Trust Deed:

W.Bro. D. J. Hill, P.G.J.D., Dep.Prov.G.M., Staffordshire & Shropshire
 W.Bro. Dr J. P. Shervington, P.A.G.D.C.
 W.Bro. Dr N. Mehta

In addition to the stated appointments and elections to the Board of Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund, it was also confirmed that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as Grand President, had been pleased to appoint R.W.Bro. I. N. Clark, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey), as President, and to re-appoint R.W.Bro. K. J. Hicks, P.Prov.G.M. (Cornwall), as Deputy President.

In accordance with Section 4.1.3 of the Trust Deed, R.W.Bro. W. A. Divall, P.G.J.W., will remain on the Board of Trustees following his re-appointment as President of the General Board.

11. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF GRAND LODGE

The Most Worshipful Presiding Officer called upon the Deputy Grand Secretary who read the names of those nominated for election as Trustees of Grand Lodge in accordance with Regulation 23(i) of the Constitutions and Regulations:

R.W.Bro. P. R. Clement, *OStJ*, Pro G.M. designate

R.W.Bro. Prof. D. K. Wilson, Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. P. D. Williams, A.G.M.

R.W.Bro. J. R. G. Hilditch, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire), G.Treas.

With no other nominations the Most Worshipful Presiding Officer declared the Brethren duly elected.

12. ELECTION OF AUDITORS TO GRAND LODGE

In accordance with Regulation 23(iii) of the Constitutions and Regulations, the President of the General Board proposed that Crowe U.K. LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, be elected as auditors to Grand Lodge for the financial year 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027. This was seconded by the Deputy Grand Secretary and the proposition carried without objection.

12a. RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER

The Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to Order. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, entered Grand Lodge to much acclamation and assumed the chair.

13. PROCLAMATION OF THE GRAND MASTER

The Brethren stood to order while the Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed M.W.Bro. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO, as Grand Master by his several styles as follows:

Be it known that HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE MICHAEL GEORGE CHARLES FRANKLIN OF KENT of Kensington Palace in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in the County of Greater London; Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order; Knight of Justice of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem; Honorary Vice Admiral of the Royal Naval Reserve; Honorary Colonel in His Majesty's Army; Honorary Air Marshal of the Royal Air Force; Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex in the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Scribe Nehemiah in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree and an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council 33rd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Grand Master, etc., etc., etc., etc., has been elected and this day proclaimed Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies called upon the Brethren to salute the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

14. APPOINTMENT, OBLIGATION, INVESTITURE, INSTALLATION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Grand Master acknowledged the salutation and thanked M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith for presiding over Grand Lodge on his behalf up to this point. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

'Brethren, much has been said about the passing of M.W.Bro. John Prizeman in meetings across the Constitution, but I wanted to place on record my own thanks for the wonderful way in which he led Grand Lodge during his term in office. His charm, wit and charisma made him a popular leader. But there was also a steeliness within him

that meant that he could get the job done. I was pleased to attend his memorial service last month and to spend time with Kay Prizeman and her son-in-law, Ian, and I know how much the family appreciated the kind tributes paid to M.W.Bro. John.

'We must now move forward from the celebration of a life well-lived, to the celebration of the installation of a new Pro Grand Master. R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement needs no introduction and I am delighted that he has accepted to be my ninth Pro Grand Master. I have no doubt that he will be able to lead Mark Grand Lodge into this new chapter of its modern era. To confer upon him the authority of his office, I call upon M.W.Bro. Raymond John Smith to act as the Installing Officer.'

The Most Worshipful Grand Master resumed his seat in Grand Lodge, then the Installing Officer called upon the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form an escort and conduct the Pro Grand Master designate into Grand Lodge.

The Escort retired. The Brethren were called to order and the Escort re-entered Grand Lodge accompanying R.W.Bro. Paul Raymond Clement, *OSTJ*, P.Prov.G.M. (South Wales).

The Most Worshipful Installing Officer addressed R.W.Bro. Clement as follows:

'Brother Clement, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint you to the office of Pro Grand Master which will give you the opportunity of further service in an even more senior capacity. With this in mind, I must now ask if you are able and willing to undertake the duties of the high office to which you have been appointed?'

The Pro Grand Master designate answered in the affirmative and knelt to receive the benefit of prayer given by the Grand Chaplain. The Grand Director of Ceremonies then conducted the Pro Grand Master designate to the pedestal and called the Brethren to Order.

R.W.Bro. Clement took the solemn obligation of a Pro Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Installing Officer then proceeded to invest him with the chain and jewel of office and handed to him a copy of the Constitutions and Regulations. The Pro Grand Master was congratulated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master and was conducted to his seat.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to order again and proclaimed the Pro Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that PAUL RAYMOND CLEMENT, an Officer in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England; Grand Superintendent in and over the Province of South Wales in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders of the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree, in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Knight Commander of Constantine of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Chancellor in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past District Grand Prefect for Severn in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Supreme Ruler in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Deputy Grand Summus in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord in the British Isles and its Districts

and Consistories Overseas; Knight Commander of the Priestly Orders of the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Grand Prior & Deputy Grand Master, and Knight Grand Cross of the Holy City, of the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City of the Rectified Scottish Rite of England and Wales; Provincial Grand Master for London and Metropolitan Counties in the Royal Order of Scotland; Adept of Christian Rosencreutz, Ninth Grade, Magus Honoris Causa in the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; Past Provincial Grand Master for South Wales and a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council, Honoris Causa; etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed, obligated, invested and installed Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve;

The Pro Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies and returned thanks.

15. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary announced that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint R.W.Bro. Prof. Denovan Keith Wilson as Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the Brethren to order and proclaimed the Deputy Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that Prof. DENOVAN KEITH WILSON, Bachelor of Arts with Honours of the Open University; Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Lancaster; Emeritus Professor of Management Development at the University of Sunderland; Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Great Herald in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander, 31st Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Past District Grand Master for Durham in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Visitor in the Grand Conclave of the Order of the Secret Monitor, or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan, in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas; Past Grand Lecturer in the Grand Senatus of the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Deputy Grand Master; etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve;

The Deputy Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and returned thanks.

16. APPOINTMENT AND PROCLAMATION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL ASSISTANT GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary announced that the Most Worshipful Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint R.W.Bro. Peter David Williams as Assistant Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies then called the Brethren to order and proclaimed the Assistant Grand Master as follows:

Be it known that PETER DAVID WILLIAMS, Past Grand Sword Bearer in the United Fraternity of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England; Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England; Past Great Aide-de-Camp in the Great Priory of the United Religious, Military and Masonic Orders of the Temple and of St John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta of England and Wales and its Provinces Overseas; Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Supreme Council 33rd Degree for England and Wales and its Districts and Chapters Overseas; Knight Commander of Constantine of the Grand Imperial Conclave for England and Wales and its Divisions and Conclaves Overseas of the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist; Past Grand Lecturer in the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas; Past Grand Fifth Pillar in the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Order of Holy Wisdom; Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent in the Royal Order of Scotland; Assistant Grand Master; etc., etc., etc., has this day been appointed and proclaimed Right Worshipful Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges Overseas and of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner; whom may the Great Overseer and Supreme Commander of the Universe long preserve; The Assistant Grand Master was saluted under the direction of the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and returned thanks.

16a. THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER RETIRED FROM GRAND LODGE

The Most Worshipful Grand Master thanked the Brethren for the warm welcome they had given him into this communication of Grand Lodge and invited Brother Clement to take the chair for the remainder of the meeting. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then congratulated all those who were about to receive appointment to Grand Rank and wished everyone a very enjoyable afternoon.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies called the Brethren to order before accompanying the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Secretary out of Grand Lodge.

17. INVESTITURE OF RECIPIENTS OF ACTIVE GRAND RANK AND BRETHREN IN RECEIPT OF FIRST APPOINTMENT TO PAST GRAND RANK

The Deputy Grand Secretary and Grand Secretary read the names of the Brethren appointed to active office and those receiving first appointment to Grand Rank. The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master invested those present:

ACTIVE OFFICERS 2026/2027

Grand Senior Warden.....	Ian Stanley Currans
Grand Junior Warden	James Martin Long, <i>TD</i>
Grand Master Overseer.....	Norwell Lionel Roberts, <i>QPM</i>
Grand Senior Overseer	Geoffrey Gordon Dearing
Grand Junior Overseer	Malcolm Reston Melbourne Lloyd
Grand Chaplain	The Revd Paul Philip Paterson
President of the General Board.	William Arthur Divall, P.G.J.W.
Grand Treasurer	James Robert Guy Hilditch, P.Prov.G.M. (Oxfordshire)
Grand Registrar.....	His Hon. Judge Keith Charles Cutler, <i>CBE</i> , P.G.S.W.
President of the Mark Benevolent Fund	Ian Nelson Clark, P.Prov.G.M. (Surrey)
Grand Secretary	Daniel Mark Heath, P.G.J.W.
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	Christopher Martin Lee Davies
Grand Inspector of Works.....	Vincent John Driver, P.G.M.O.
Grand Sword Bearer.....	Stephen Charles Evans Harries

Deputy Grand Chaplain	Revd Anthony William Avery, P.G.J.O.
Deputy President of the General Board .	David Robert Clancey, P.Prov.G.M. (N&E Yorks)
Deputy Grand Registrar.....	Lewis George Clement
Deputy President of the M.B.F.	Kevin John Hicks, P.Prov.G.M. (Cornwall)
Deputy Grand Secretary	Alan Robert Brumwell, <i>JP</i>
Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies	Andrew James Brown
	Raymond George Harrison
	Mark Andrew Cook
Deputy Grand Inspector of Works	Michael Alan Evans
Deputy Grand Sword Bearer	Shaun Higson
Grand Senior Deacons	Mark Neville Holland
	Anthony Bruce Mansfield
	Graeme McCormack
	Derek Joseph Walsh, <i>JP</i>
	Adrian Ashley Waters
	David Wyatt
Grand Junior Deacons.....	Dr Robert Fisher
	Gary King
	William Mason Philip
	Capt. Christopher Francis Phillips
	Timothy John Tudge
	Gordon Derek Turner
	Stephen Nigel White
Assistant Grand Chaplain	Revd Dr Simon Alexander Thorn
Assistant Grand Registrar	Sachin Rajput
Assistant Grand Secretaries.....	Derek Mersh
	Lt Col. Michael Charles Alexander Caseman-Jones, <i>TD</i>
Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies	Mark Andrew Barton
	James Alfred Burgess, <i>BEM</i>
	Kenneth Chittenden
	Malcolm Thomas Fairie
	Duncan Cruickshank McIsaac
	Nigel Piercy
Assistant Grand Inspector of Works	Nigel Robert Dickens
Assistant Grand Sword Bearer	Giju Alexander George
Grand Librarian.....	Dr John Walter Hawkins, P.G.J.D.
Grand Organist.....	Mario Rizzardi, P.G.J.O.
Grand Standard Bearers	James Jordan
	Capt. Martin Charles Smith
Deputy Grand Organist.....	David Cynrig Timothy Gregory Roberts-Jones, P.G.J.D.
Assistant Grand Standard Bearers.....	Steven George Larkins
	Ailton Peron
Assistant Grand Organist	Wynford Owen Davies
Grand Inner Guard	David Edwin Todd
Assistant Grand Inner Guards	Arun Devchand Shah
	John David Campbell
Grand Stewards:	
Henry John Adams	London
Jonathan Mark Arnold	Cornwall
Garth Blanchard	Surrey
Simon John Clare	Kent
Nigel Alan Collier	North & East Yorkshire
Richard Miles Criddle	London
Geraint Morgan Davies.....	South Wales
Maurice Frank Doe	Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Roger Kenneth Florey	East Anglia
James Richard Freakley	Warwickshire
John Andre Hipwell	Devonshire
Stuart Hughes	East Lancashire
Geoffrey Sinclair Ifill	Somerset
William Richard Light	West Yorkshire
Thomas Frederick Brian McCormack	Berkshire
Trayton Alexander Francis Mitchell	Middlesex
Niraj Kumar Mulji Mavji Ratna	Monmouthshire
Harry Shone	Cheshire
Stephen Simmons	Bristol
Christopher Marc Smith	Essex
Anthony Thackrah	West Lancashire
Stephen Alfred Thurgood	Dyfed
Anthony Richard Tomson	Staffordshire & Shropshire
Grand Tyler	Michael James West
Deputy Grand Tyler	Paul Terry Walsh

FIRST APPOINTMENTS

Past Grand Junior Overseer	
Charles Bertram Hopkinson-Woolley	
Past Grand Junior Deacon	
Richard Micheal Bray	Mocky Khan
Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies	
Martyn Paul Aldridge	William Benjamin Harper
David John Anderson	John Henzell Hemy
Cristian Dorin Anton	Nigel John Hood
Dennis Armstrong	Paul William Hutchinson
John Philip Aspinall, <i>MBE</i>	Stephen Andrew James
Allan Graham Badman	William Emrys Jenkins
John Leslie Kingsford Bannell	Paul Weldon Johnston
Raymond Leslie Beadle	Robert Alan Lansley
Mihai Alin Bitea	Wayne Christopher Larman
Martin William Blades	Anthony William Latter
Peter Ian Brynin	Barry Fredrick Laws
Maj. Matthew Roger Christmas	Graham Harold Lewis
Paul Stephen Christopher	Richard Anthony Lindsay
Kenneth Kin Shu Chung	Arthur Littler
Ernest John Geoffrey Clague	Anthony James Lloyd
Sandu Cristian Cuturela	Paul Maddocks
Eryl Wynne Davies	Ian Ormond Michel
John Thomas Keith Davies	Robert Christopher Millington
Colin Day	Edward Alan Mitchinson
Terry Dickinson	Ian James Muirhead
Kevin Dodd	Donald Lloyd Mullings
John Howard Alexander Geddes	Christopher Oates
Sutton Austen Glover	Derek Wyn Owen
Eugene Maria Gratwohl	Julian Charles Pacey
Anthony Peter Greasley	Marco Antonio De Paula
Simon Nicholas John Green	Robert Geoffrey Payne
David John Hampton	Stefano Poretti
Mark James Hancock	Ian Anthony Priest
Stephen Andrew Hardy	Stuart Prince

Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies (cont'd)

Roger Reina	Brian David Tritton
Dr Neil Eric Ristow	Gary Vale
Haiko Ruperti-Campbell	Carlos Emilio Omar Van Der Aa
Michele Santopietro	Adrian Vonica
Srinath Hirantha Seneviratne	Roger Alan White
Malvin Sharpless	Roydell St Aubyn Williams
Darren Laurence Sinclair	Graham Roger Scott Wilson
Peter Athen Smith	George Andrew Wiltshire
Robin Stanton	Stephen James Withey
David James Swift	Yuen Tin Laurence Wong
Jefferson Angelo Thomaz	James David Wort

Past Assistant Grand Sword Bearer

Keith Michael Beavers	Michael John Sayer
Andrew Garry Cox	Christopher Robin Sidwell
Gary Hurst	Hamza Thayyil
Cornelis Jeroen Nederstigt	Mark Anthony Thompson-O'Connor
John James O'Dowd	Mark Stuart Timothy
Gheorghe Radu Rosca	Terry Ivor Wallhead
Selim Pierre Salem	

Past Grand Standard Bearer

John Alan Backshall	John McGriger Norton-Doyle
Brian Bacon	Rohit Chhotalal Pattni
Alan John Brockwell	David John Pickering
Frederick Charnock	Gary Eric Raggett
Raimondo Cocco	Gordon Ramshead
David Andrew Cumming	Bernard Smith
David James Dorey	Andrew John Sparks
John Francis Raymond Handley	John Summerfield
David James Hawkins	Kevin Thompson
Jerome Richard Hogg	Stephen Thompson
David Charles Hughes	David Geoffrey Weston
Martin Moritz	

Past Assistant Grand Standard Bearer

Alan Michael Edwards	Peter Rowland
David Alfred Huntley	Nicolas Zuljevic

Past Grand Inner Guard

Michael John Bugler

Past Assistant Grand Inner Guard

Andrew Peter Hurrell

18. ADDRESS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRO GRAND MASTER

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

‘Brethren, I begin by welcoming everyone to this meeting of Mark Grand Lodge. From this vantage point it is indeed a wonderful sight to see the Grand Temple full. The Grand Master was especially pleased when he learned that the attendance was such as it is, and I am sure he now realises more than ever how much we value and appreciate his being with us whenever possible. It certainly made it an extra special occasion for me personally, as I am sure it did for everyone present.

‘I had the pleasure of meeting with our Grand Master last Wednesday. Unfortunately, he was unable to stay for the whole of today’s meeting due to another important

engagement, but he showed great interest in the health and progression of Mark Masonry and, despite the time limitations, was very keen he should be here for some of the meeting at least. The warmth of your reception of him, which I had the pleasure of experiencing from outside the Grand Temple, was testament to the respect and high regard that we all have for our Grand Master. I can assure you, Brethren, that fondness is both appreciated and held mutually for you by His Royal Highness. Before he left Grand Lodge, His Royal Highness offered his congratulations to all receiving appointments to Grand Rank today.

'Many of us this afternoon have aspired to new offices in Grand Lodge, but let us never forget that with these new ranks comes additional responsibilities and expectations. We have much work to accomplish, remembering that the success of our Mark Degree depends solely on the strength of the foundations on which it stands. We all have an obligation to do all in our power to promote pure Antient Masonry and to support our Craft Lodges and Chapters in any way we can if we want our Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges to flourish and grow. The Mark section on UGLE's Solomon platform is now in the testing stage. We are very excited about this new partnership as it will undoubtedly be a very useful resource for newly advanced Mark Master Masons and will help cement their enjoyment and understanding of the Mark from the very early days of their membership. We will update you on this as progress is made.

'Since we last met in March, four new Provincial Grand Masters have been installed: R.W.Bro. Paul Barham for North & East Yorkshire; R.W.Bro. Stephen Roberts for Lincolnshire; R.W.Bro. Anthony Guthrie for Somerset; and R.W.Bro. Ashley Hawkins for Bristol. I congratulate them all and I am sure you would like to wish them well also.

'I now come to welcoming distinguished Brethren with us, representing the various Orders:

From the Grand Lodge Mark Master Masons, Past Deputy Grand Masters: R.W.Bro. Keith Emmerson and R.W.Bro. Frank Spencer;

From the United Grand Lodge of England, R.W.Bro. Jonathan Spence, Pro Grand Master and Pro 1st Grand Principal;

From the Ancient and Accepted Rite, R.W.Bro. David Williamson, Lieutenant Grand Commander;

From the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, R.W.Bro. Graham Flight, Grand Sovereign;

From the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, R.W.Bro. Kessick Jones, Grand Master;

From the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees, R.W.Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson, Grand Master;

From the Order of the Secret Monitor, R.W.Bro. Andrew Sweeney, Grand Supreme Ruler;

From the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord, R.W.Bro. Ian Currans, G.S.W., Grand Summus;

From the Worshipful Society of Operative Freemasons, W.Bro. Dr Paul Mycock, First Grand Master Mason;

From the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, V.W.Bro. Christopher Maiden, Grand High Priest;

From the Grand Priory of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City, V.W.Bro. Dr Vivian Thomas, *JP*, Grand Master;

From the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, V.W.Bro. Anthony Llewellyn, Supreme Magus.

I am sure you would not want me to leave out the Great Priory of Knights Templar, so I offer a very warm welcome to myself!

'I now come to welcoming our Brethren from our Districts around the world. I would love to be able to name each of you individually but looking at this list, if I were to do that, we would not be dining on time and I would incur the further wrath of the Grand Secretary. So please forgive me, Brethren, if I name the leaders of the delegations but ask you all to stand so that we may thank you for your attendance:

From Belgium, R.W.Bro. Jean Verbist, Dist.G.M., accompanied by the Dep.Dist.G.M, the Dist.G.Sec., and four other Brethren;

From Brazil, W.Bro. Jefferson Thomaz, A.Dist.G.M., W.Bro. Ailton Peron, A.G.St.B. – a recipient today, and Bro. De Avelar Teixeira;

From East Africa, W.Bro. Arun Shah – a recipient of A.G.I.G. today;

From Germany, R.W.Bro. Michael Cooper, Dist.G.M., W.Bro. Andrew Cox – a recipient of P.A.G.Swd.B. today, and seven other Brethren;

From Ghana, W.Bro. George Mill;

From Gibraltar, R.W.Bro. Derek Tilbury, Dist.G.M., and W.Bro. John Geddes, Dist.G.Sec. – a recipient of P.A.G.D.C. today;

From Hong Kong, R.W.Bro. Clement Chow, Dist.G.M., plus one other Brother;

From Italy, R.W.Bro. Andrea Bonechi, Dist.G.M., with eight of his Brethren, two of whom received grand ranks today;

From Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, R.W.Bro. Owen Francis, Dist.G.M., plus two of his Brethren, one of whom received an honour today;

From Madras, R.W.Bro. Madhavan Chellappa, Dist.G.M.;

From New Zealand, W.Bro. Anthony Mansfield, appointed to G.S.D. today;

From Nigeria, Bro. K. J-L Njoku;

From Romania, R.W.Bro. Cristian Mihutoiu, Dist.G.M., plus 36 other Brethren, five of whom received their Grand Ranks today;

From Singapore, W.Bro. Y T L Wong – a recipient of P.A.G.D.C. today;

From South and Eastern Caribbean, V.W.Bro. Llewellyn Gill, P.G.J.O., plus four other Brethren, two of whom received honours today;

From Spain, R.W.Bro. Barrie Mansell, Dist.G.M., plus 12 other Brethren, two of whom received honours today;

From The Netherlands, R.W.Bro. Peter Kirpensteijn, Dist.G.M., plus 16 other Brethren, two of whom received honours today;

From The Transvaal, W.Bro. Rajah Bhageerutti;

From Unattached Lodges overseas, W.Bro. Nebojsa Dordevic, St Aubyn Lodge No. 64 (Serbia); W.Bro. Ramanlal Patel, Itawa Lodge No. 1442 (Zambia); and W.Bro. John Bond, Broadley Lodge No. 1863 (Malta).

'Turning to representatives from other Grand Lodges, we welcome:

From the Grand Lodge of Finland, M.W.Bro. Ville Alanen, G.M.; accompanied by two of his Brethren;

From the Grand Lodge of Greece, M.W.Bro. Stylianos Fassoulas, G.M., accompanied by two of his Brethren;

From the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, M.W.Bro. Francois Waridel, G.M., and R.W.Bro. Ellie Hettena;

From the Grand Lodge of France, M.W.Bro. Daniel Fontanili, G.M., accompanied by three of his Brethren.;

From the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Brazil, M.W.Bro. Mario Nunes da Costa, G.M., and R.W.Bro. Joselito Hencotte, Dep.G.M.;

From the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the State of São Paulo, M.W.Bro. Jorge Anyasio Haddad, G.M., and W.Bro. João de Oliveira;

From the Grand Lodge of Estonia, M.W.Bro. Peeter Tenjes, G.M., and M.W.Bro. Anti Oidsalu, P.G.M.;

From the Grand Lodge of South East Asia, M.W.Bro. Tee Chew Ong, G.M., accompanied by four of his Brethren;

From the Grand Lodge of the Ivory Coast, M.W.Bro. Alain-Richard Donwahi, G.M., accompanied by five of his Brethren;

From the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the State of Espírito Santo, M.W.Bro. Jorge Valle Santos, G.M.

‘These are the Brethren I have been told of; if there are others, please feel included in this welcome. I’m sure you’ll agree, Brethren, that we owe a great debt of gratitude to these distinguished Brethren for enhancing our proceedings as they have today, and I know we would all like to show them a warm Mark welcome.

‘Before closing, I wish to pay tribute, on my behalf and I’m sure yours also, to the Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Denny Wilson, the Assistant Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Peter Williams, and the past Rulers who have kept the wheels of Mark Masonry turning during dear John’s illness and since his passing – I look forward to working with them all; to the Grand Secretary and his staff at Grand Lodge, who have put so much work into today’s event; and to the Grand Director of Ceremonies and his army of deputies for the impressive, dignified ceremonial we have witnessed. Our thanks to John Vazquez and all here at Freemasons’ Hall who make our visits to these palatial surroundings so enjoyable and memorable.

‘In just a few weeks, many of us will gather in the Province of Hampshire & Isle of Wight to celebrate the 158th Mark Benevolent Fund Festival. In anticipation of the success that it will bring, I congratulate the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. George Deacon, and all his Brethren and thank them on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

‘Brethren, it has been a long meeting and, to quote words in another Order, a good piece of flesh and a flagon of wine await us. Thank you for your attention and I wish you all well.’

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Grand Secretary asked the Provincial and District Grand Masters to take with them the thanks from Grand Lodge to their secretaries and their executives for all their hard work, and also to their Lodge administrators and permanent officers who work so hard to keep us all marking well. The Grand Secretary also thanked the staff at Mark Masons’ Hall and noted that 1,200 members and guests were dining at the Grand Connaught Rooms today across four dining rooms.

20. CLOSING

Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.