

The Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan
in the British Isles and its Districts and Conclaves Overseas



M.Wy.Bro. ANDREW CHRISTOPHER SWEENEY
Grand Supreme Ruler

R.Wy.Bro. KEITH BERWICK FERGUSON
Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler

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Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler

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

October 2026

Dear Sir and Brother

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Convocation and Annual Investiture of Grand Conclave will be held on **Thursday, 12 November 2026**, at **12.30 p.m.** in the Grand Temple at **Freemasons' Hall**, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.

All Brethren 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 of their intention to attend.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Grand Counsellor, Grand Guide, Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Stewards and the Grand Sentinel at the rehearsal commencing at **10.30 a.m.**

Yours very thoroughly and fraternally

R.Wy.Bro. Daniel M. Heath, P.G.G.
Grand Recorder

DRESS – Short black coat or dark lounge suit and the regalia of your respective office or rank.

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 Conclave.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To call the Roll of Active Grand Officers.
4. To propose that the Minutes of the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave held on Thursday, 13 November 2025, having been circulated with the summons, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2025, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
6. To receive the Report of the Grand Guide, as printed in **Appendix B**.
7. To receive the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order and of the OSM Fund of Benevolence for the Financial Year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, as printed in **Appendix C**.
8. The Grand Treasurer will report on the Accounts of the Order for the Financial Year 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026.
9. To note that the following match-funding grants have been awarded by the Trustees of the OSM Fund of Benevolence during the year ended 31 August 2026:

Channel Islands (Le Marchant Conclave No. 421) –

Salvation Army (Guernsey)..... £500

Channel Islands – Salvation Army (Jersey) £500

Cheshire & North Wales – The Children's Adventure Farm Trust £1,000

Cornwall (Brunel Conclave No. 313) – NCI Rame Head £250

Cornwall (Pydar Conclave No. 395) – Cornwall Youth Band £250

Dorset & Wiltshire (Forum Conclave No. 392) –

Rising Voices Wessex Community Choir £300

Dorset & Wiltshire (Weymouth Conclave No. 180) – Foundation in Recreation

(Incorporating Weymouth Amateur Boxing Club) £350

East Lancashire (Bury Conclave No. 80) – Rossendale Hospice £750

East Lancashire – Rochdale Children's Moorland Home..... £250

East Midlands – LOROS Hospice £1,400

East Midlands – Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Charity . £1,000

Essex – Go Live Theatre..... £250

Essex – Strongbones £250

Gloucestershire & Herefordshire (Sir Jacob Astley Conclave No. 499) –

Kate's Home Nursing..... £500

Gloucestershire & Herefordshire (Forest of Dean Conclave No. 537) –

UK Men's Sheds Association..... £500

Hampshire & Isle of Wight (Westbrook Conclave No. 320) –

Alton Men's Shed..... £250

Kent – Queen Elizabeth Hospital Woolwich..... £1,000

North & East Yorkshire (Centenary Conclave No. 347) –

Snapen Men's Shed £500

North & East Yorkshire (Stonebow Conclave No. 301) –	
Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team	£500
South Wales & Monmouthshire – Prostate Cymru.....	£1,000
Staffordshire & Shropshire (West Bromwich Conclave No. 467) –	
Sandwell Young Carers	£500
The North East – Action On Dementia Sunderland.....	£500
Warwickshire (Evergreen Conclave No. 229) –	
Birmingham Dogs Home	£250
Warwickshire – The Myton Hospices	£1,000
West Lancashire (Friendship Conclave No. 332) –	
Cash For Kids Lancashire	£200
West Lancashire (Friendship Conclave No. 332) –	
Rainbow Hub Children's Hospice	£200
West Lancashire – Sea Cadets Chorley	£200
West Lancashire – Tia's Crown.....	£400
West Wales – Cerebra	£1,000
Worcestershire – Forever Tommy's Trust.....	£900
Worcestershire – H.E.L.P. Community Help Centre.....	£100
TOTAL	£16,550

10. To consider and approve amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations, as printed in **Appendix D**.
11. To elect and proclaim the Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler.
12. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler.
13. To appoint, obligate, invest, install and proclaim the Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler.
14. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
15. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for the year 2026/2027.
16. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler will receive the Commander of the Grand Supreme Ruler's Arch of Steel.
17. To appoint three Brethren to serve as Trustees of the OSM Fund of Benevolence in accordance with Regulation 33 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
18. To appoint professionally qualified and registered auditors in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
19. To elect six members to serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
20. The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler will address Grand Conclave.
21. To present a Fifty Year Jewel to R.Wy.Bro. Michael Dufton, P.G.G. – Inducted into Chantry Conclave No. 94 (West Yorkshire) on 18 March 1976.
22. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Conclave.
23. To close Grand Conclave.

Appendix A

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025/2026

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2026, 425 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2026 was 7,507.

2. Obituary

The Executive Committee note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported in the year ended 31 August 2026:

R.Wy.Bro. David Gilfoy Jackson, P.Prov.G.S.R.
R.Wy.Bro. Louis De Bouvere, P.G.Coun.
R.Wy.Bro. Raymond George Fretten, P.G.Coun.
R.Wy.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman, P.G.Coun.
R.Wy.Bro. Roland John Bedford, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Terence Albert Dennis Bowler, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Alan Ralph Lanham, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. John Galloway McMillan, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. David Thomson, P.G.G.
R.Wy.Bro. Bomi Ardeshir Vaid, P.G.G.
V.Wy.Bro. Arnold Long, P.G.Reg.
V.Wy.Bro. Phillip Ackerman Morgans, P.G.Reg.
V.Wy.Bro. Gazanfar Ali Mohammed Ali, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Linton Anthony Andrews, *JP*, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Geoffrey Melvyn Cowley, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Edwin Bryant Goodwin, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Peter Sotheran Hodgson, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Christopher William Jennings, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. John Knox, *KCLJ*, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Ying Ko, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Gordon William Ollerenshaw, *JP*, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Edward Keith Patnick, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Robert David Rice, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Gerald Walter Gillan Ridge, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Thakershi Tejshi Shah, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Trevor Melvin Robinson Stewart, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Dawson Clarence Strong, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Nidrel James Walsh, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Martin Leslie Harry White, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Brian Wilkinson, P.G.V.
V.Wy.Bro. Malvern Williams, P.G.V.
Wy.Bro. Ian Alfred Eaton, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Neil Elton Fallows, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Bernard Fenton, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Selvanayagam Kandiah, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. John Rollett Leedale Maultby, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Henry McWhinnie, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Graham Elliott Penn, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Alexander Lamont Purves, *ISO*, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Capt. (Rtd) John Railton Simons, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Robert John Tanswell, P.A.G.D.C.
Wy.Bro. Richard Arthur Conway Ainsworth, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Bernard Lionel Andrew, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. Francis Graham Bendell, P.G.Swd.B.
Wy.Bro. David John Blakeman, P.G.Swd.B.

Wy.Bro. Sydney Lynton Brailey, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Ernest George Broadhead, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Edward George Casey, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Stanley Crawford, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Frederick William Gardiner, *CStJ*, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Geoffrey Hall, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Leslie Nevin, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Harvey Andrew Roland, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Trevor Scorer, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Dr David Graham Shipley, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Ralph Jackson Short, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Peter William Hughes, P.Dep.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Arnold Victor Aldous, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Paul Robert Bird, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. David John Callow, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Robert William Chilvers, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Brian Guy Donald Cox, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Warwick Ross Davenport, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Maurice Stanley Durant, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Henry John Emms, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Philip Maxfield Harrison, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Archibald Jamieson Hunter Mitchell, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Raymond Nicholson, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Christopher Stuart Ribton, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Sidney Santhouse, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Anthony Sheppardson, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Raymond Jr. Hua Hsin Teng, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Winston Thomas, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Geoffrey Toothill, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Brian Hugh Viner, P.G.St.B.
 Wy.Bro. Anthony Featherstone Breckon, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Derek James Wheatley Gaunt, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Malcolm Gregson, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Trevor Moore House, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Thomas Lloyd, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Douglas Jack Ferguson Nimmo, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. John Patterson, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Leslie John Spencer, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. Anthony St John Turner, P.G.B.B.
 Wy.Bro. David Lloyd Griffiths, P.G.Gdr.
 Wy.Bro. Tom Kirkbride, P.A.G.Gdr.
 Wy.Bro. David Cornelius Van Vuuren, P.A.G.Gdr.
 Wy.Bro. David Kenneth Wilson, P.G.Stwd.

2a. The Executive Committee also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 September to 12 October 2026:

V.Wy.Bro. Simon Andrew Mighall, P.G.Reg.
 V.Wy.Bro. Pierre Raoul Francis Noel, P.G.Reg.
 V.Wy.Bro. Allan Bilsborough, P.G.V.
 V.Wy.Bro. Terence Sloan, P.G.V.
 V.Wy.Bro. Walter Warwick, P.G.V.
 Wy.Bro. Paul Carr, P.A.G.D.C.
 Wy.Bro. Paul Phipps, P.A.G.D.C.
 Wy.Bro. Nigel John Bridges, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Bruce Albert Meech, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Ernest Niel, P.G.Swd.B.
 Wy.Bro. Leslie Edward Kershaw, P.G.St.B.

Wy.Bro. Rodney Moore, P.G.St.B.
Wy.Bro. Francis James Taylor, P.G.St.B.
Wy.Bro. John Benjamin Morgan, P.G.B.B
Wy.Bro. George Walker, P.G.B.B.

3. Appointments

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to make the following appointments at his pleasure:

Wy.Bro. Ivor Roland Hawkins, P.A.G.D.C., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for OXFORDSHIRE, BERKSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, with effect from 14 February 2026, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Bernd Wegerhoff;

V.Wy.Bro. William Henry Carlyon, JP, P.G.V., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for THE NORTH-EAST, with effect from 6 June 2026, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. John David Watts;

R.Wy.Bro. John Harlow Wickes, P.G.G., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for BEDFORDSHIRE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE, with effect from 1 July 2026, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Howard Saul Markham;

Wy.Bro. William Stewart Jeffray, P.G.St.B., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for EAST SCOTLAND, with effect from 22 August 2026, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Martyn William Greene;

Wy.Bro. Luis Alcaina Guzman, P.G.B.B., to be District Grand Supreme Ruler for SPAIN, with effect from 26 September 2026, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Jose Luis Barnard Menoyo-Garcia;

Wy.Bro. George John Deacon, P.A.G.D.C., to be Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler for HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT, with effect from 7 November 2026, in succession to R.Wy.Bro. Richard Charles William Batchelor.

4. Warrants of Constitution

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to grant Warrants of Constitution for the following new Conclaves:

John Charles Grant Conclave No. 639 – North Scotland

Royal Philanthropic Conclave No. 640 – Southern Caribbean

St John's Conclave No. 641 – Southern Caribbean

5. Jubilee Warrant

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has been pleased to issue a Jubilee Warrant to the following Conclave on completion of fifty years continuous working:

West Lancashire Provincial Grand Officers Conclave No. 265 – West Lancashire

6. Warrants in Abeyance

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

Clausentum Conclave No. 135 – Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Scotia Prima Conclave No. 323 – West Scotland

North Staffordshire Conclave No. 349 – Staffordshire and Shropshire

Robert Burns Conclave No. 368 – East Lancashire

Waverley Conclave No. 381 – Surrey

Bro Taf Conclave No. 432 – South Wales & Monmouthshire

Vale of Sodbury Conclave No. 452 – Gloucestershire and Herefordshire

Benaiah Arch of Steel Conclave No. 460 – Essex

7. Warrant Surrendered

The Executive Committee noted that members of the following Conclave had voted to surrender their Warrant:

Lanzarote Conclave No. 515 – Spain

8. OSM Fund of Benevolence

During the twelve months to 31 August 2026, there were no petitions relieved.

9. Grand Honours

The Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler has determined that **25 June 2027** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Recorder.

10. Fees and Annual Dues

In accordance with Regulation 111 of the Constitutions and Regulations it has been agreed that the standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Conclave 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 Provincial/District Grand Supreme Ruler	at cost
For a Patent of Confirmation	at cost

DISPENSATIONS

Conclave or Supreme Ruler 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

Annual Dues (1 September 2026 to 31 August 2027)	£35.00
Installed Supreme Rulers' Conclaves.....	£17.50
Registration of a Brother on Induction	£30.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered	£30.00
A Joining Brother already registered	£23.00
Registration of a founding member of a new Conclave being a Brother already registered	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Conclave 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 Conclaves and Brethren in England and Wales. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

11. Administration

The Registrations department should be informed of deaths, resignations or changes of address of Grand Officers as soon as possible after they occur via **Keystone Online**.

Provincial and District Grand Recorders and Secretaries of unattached Conclaves 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:

The Grand Conclave OSM

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

12 October 2026

R.Wy.Bro. S. G. Carley, P.Prov.G.S.R. (West Yorkshire), Pres.E.C.
R.Wy.Bro. D. M. Heath, P.G.G., G.Rec.

Appendix B

REPORT OF THE GRAND GUIDE 2025/2026

Most Worthy Grand Supreme Ruler and Brethren, I have much pleasure in presenting my first report as Grand Guide.

This first year in office began at pace, with the immediate task of preparing the workloads of the incoming Grand Visitors so they could begin their duties without delay. Having served two years as a Grand Visitor, I fully appreciate the importance of early engagement with Provinces and Conclaves following Grand Conclave, and of compiling comprehensive and accurate reports thereafter. Without clarity and scope, it becomes difficult to recognise and address issues, acknowledge excellence, and plan for the future health and happiness of the Order at every level — Brother, Conclave, Province, and Grand Conclave.

The Grand Visitors remain an invaluable resource, offering a unique perspective when visiting Conclaves across the country. Their role is not only one of service but also of personal growth, allowing them to understand the wider life of the Order while observing it at its foundations. I am grateful for the work undertaken by the outgoing Grand Visitors — Andrew Bibby, Stephen Fenton, Silverio Ostrowski and Peter Tuck — and trust they retire from office with confidence in a job well done.

My thanks also go to the Provincial Grand Supreme Rulers and Provincial Recorders for their continued engagement with the Grand Visitors and for the welcome they extend on every visit. I further record my appreciation for the Provincial Grand Guides and their teams of Provincial Visitors, whose work in supporting the Conclaves of their Provinces is essential to the strength and stability of our Order.

The role of the Visiting Deacon shapes the experience of our members in a profound way. It has been pleasing to note the wider adoption of the practice, in meetings centred around an Induction, of delaying the Muster Roll until after the ceremony. This simple adjustment ensures that the new Brother is included and that the unique elements of our Order can be explained to him fully. It is a small act of communication, but one that has a lasting impact.

The Visiting Deacons, Provincial Visitors and Grand Visitors together provide an unbroken chain of communication and support throughout our Order. Their reports and observations contribute significantly to our understanding of the health of the Order at local level. Their efforts reinforce the principle that communication — always a two way process — is a shared responsibility across all offices and members. These offices are integral and unique to our Order, and it behoves us to ensure that they are discharged to the highest standards at all times.

Communication is not merely the exchange of information; it is the means by which we build trust, support our members, and maintain unity across the Order. Good communication is timely, accurate, courteous, and responsive. It flows upward, downward, and across, ensuring that every Brother feels connected to the wider body and that every Conclave is supported in its work.

In this digital age we can be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of information available to us, and by the number of communications we receive. Yet these tools, when used correctly, are invaluable. It has never been easier to communicate information, and never more important to respond. This principle lies at the heart of planning our Conclave meetings and understanding the health and welfare of our members. Even with modern tools, the traditional virtues of clarity, courtesy and attentiveness remain unchanged.

In recent months I have spoken with many Provinces and Districts, both at home and abroad, seeking their support in addressing matters connected with the data utilised by myself and the Grand Visitors. The response has been gratifying, and we have made significant progress in improving the consistency of our information. This consistency strengthens our understanding of the health of individual Conclaves and of the Order in general. Much has been achieved, but there remains more to do, and the project has opened new avenues to explore in the coming year. My thanks to all with whom I have engaged; I look forward to continuing our collaboration.

I congratulate the newly appointed Grand Visitors on their preferment and wish them well. The office carries a weight of responsibility, but that does not mean it cannot be enjoyable. Embrace your visits, and communicate that enjoyment to all whom you meet.

As I reflect upon this first year as Grand Guide, I do so with a sense that much has been achieved as a team, while recognising that events can at times overtake us, requiring us to adapt accordingly. This is a work of evolution, and the continued progress of the Order stands as a testament to the dedication of its officers and members. Let us continue strengthening our communication, for it is the thread that binds our work, our fellowship, and our future.

May the Almighty Friend of all Friends bless you, guide you in your work, and keep you safe until we meet again.

R.Wy.Bro. Robin Francis Knight, Grand Guide (September 2026)

Appendix C

THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The Members of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor submit the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor are as follows.

The day to day management of The Order of the Secret Monitor.

The management of the finances of The Order of the Secret Monitor 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 Order of the Secret Monitor are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

Cdr C J Aspinell, *RD, JP* – President (Retired 13 November 2025)
S G Carley – President (Appointed 13 November 2025)
P R Crudge (Retired 13 November 2025)
P C Ellenor (Appointed 14 November 2024)
R S Ellis (Retired 13 November 2025)
K B Ferguson
G L Gill, *SLMM*
D M Heath
R F Knight (Appointed 13 November 2025)
H S Markham
M J J Singleton (Retired 14 November 2024)
M B Squires (Appointed 14 November 2024, Retired 13 November 2025)
J S Stevens
I R Sullivan
A C Sweeney
P W Tarrant (Appointed 13 November 2025)
Drs A J Van der Burgh
B Wegerhoff
J C Whitaker, *JP, DL* (Appointed 14 November 2024)

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

PRINCIPAL ADVISERS

BANKERS

Clydesdale Bank plc (Trading as
Virgin Money)
7 Gold Street
Northampton
NN1 1EN

AUDITOR

Crowe U.K. LLP
55 Ludgate Hill
London
EC4M 7JW

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

J M Finn & Co Ltd
4 Coleman Street
London
EC2R 5TA

CONSTITUTIONS AND OBJECTS

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is governed by both statute (Charities Act 2011) and the Constitutions and Regulations of The Order of the Secret Monitor.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code published in 2025 which sets out the principles and recommended practice for good governance within the sector. The Charity is reviewing its current governance arrangements against the principles within the code and will address any issues raised where required.

The objects of the charity are the Relief of Needy Members of the Order and certain of their Dependants as well as making charitable grants for purposes specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is supported by contributions from Brethren, Ladies, Conclaves and Provinces and these may take the form of either donations, covenants, legacies or bequests. The Charity has not engaged with third parties to raise funds and there has been no direct approach to members of the public for funding. A significant amount of the charity's income is from investments. No complaints were received in relation to our fundraising activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the strategy towards and the achievements of the Charity against its objectives.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The payments of grants are made to the needy and for such other charitable purposes as specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
INCOME		
Income from investments	1,943	<i>1,746</i>
Bank interest	268	<i>347</i>
	<u>2,211</u>	<i><u>2,093</u></i>
EXPENDITURE		
Sundry expenditure	<u>313</u>	<i><u>378</u></i>
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	1,898	<i>1,715</i>
Realised & unrealised gains on Investments	1,510	<i>5,046</i>
Deferred tax	<u>1,182</u>	<i><u>(514)</u></i>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>4,590</u>	<i><u>6,247</u></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 Order of the Secret Monitor during the year ended 31 August 2025.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Annual Dues	182,590	<i>174,348</i>
Registration Fees	14,164	<i>6,939</i>
Warrants (at cost)	597	<i>1,361</i>
Fees of Honour	12,988	<i>13,528</i>
Dispensations	1,899	<i>1,275</i>
Year Books	<u>4,452</u>	<i><u>4,666</u></i>
	<u>216,690</u>	<i><u>202,117</u></i>

The notes on page 13 form part of these financial statements.

THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
INVESTMENTS			
Quoted securities at Market Value		68,149	65,009
Historic Cost £58,455 (2024 - £52,759)			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		13,142	12,874
		13,142	12,874
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry creditors		84	84
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		13,058	12,790
Provision for deferred tax		(1,906)	(3,088)
TOTAL ASSETS			
		79,301	74,711
Represented by:			
CAPITAL FUND			
Balance at 1 September 2024		74,711	68,464
Surplus for the year		4,590	6,247
BALANCE AT 31 August 2025			
		79,301	74,711

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.

R A H Morrow
Grand Treasurer

Date: 7 April 2026

The notes on page 13 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

1. ENTITY INFORMATION

The Order Of The Secret Monitor 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 except for investments 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 Order of the Secret Monitor 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.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
Charity Registration Number: 207781**

The Trustees of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Charity is The Order of The Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence and is a registered charity under registration number 207781. The Charity's address is 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence, who served during the year and to the date of signing this report, are:

M Barnes (Appointed 1 April 2025)
S G Carley (Appointed 1 April 2025)
G L Flight
M J J Singleton (Appointed 1 April 2025)

Newly appointed Trustees receive an induction from the President of the Executive Committee and Grand Treasurer and attend training courses as necessary.

ORGANISATION

The members of the Executive Committee of the Order of the Secret Monitor are responsible for the administration of all aspects of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Order of the Secret Monitor during the financial year and to the date of the signing of this report are:

C J Aspinell, *RD, JP* - President (Retired 13 November 2025)
S G Carley – President (Appointed 13 November 2025)
P R Crudge (Retired 13 November 2025)
P C Ellenor (Appointed 14 November 2024)
R S Ellis (Retired 13 November 2025)
K B Ferguson
G L Gill, *SLMM*
D M Heath
R F Knight (Appointed 13 November 2025)
H S Markham
R A H Morrow
H S Sagoo (Appointed 13 November 2025)
M J J Singleton (Retired 14 November 2024)
M B Squires (Appointed 14 November 2024, Retired 13 November 2025)
J S Stevens
I R Sullivan
A C Sweeney
P W Tarrant (Appointed 13 November 2025)
Drs A J Van der Burgh
B Wegerhoff
J C Whitaker, *RD, JP* (Appointed 14 November 2024)

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

PRINCIPAL ADVISERS

BANKERS

Clydesdale Bank plc (Trading as
Virgin Money)
7 Gold Street
Northampton
NN1 1EN

AUDITOR

Crowe U.K. LLP
55 Ludgate Hill
London
EC4M 7JW

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

J M Finn & Co Ltd
4 Coleman Street
London
EC2R 5TA

CONSTITUTIONS AND OBJECTS

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is governed by both statute (Charities Act 2011) and the Constitutions and Regulations of The Order of the Secret Monitor.

The trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code published in 2025 which sets out the principles and recommended practice for good governance within the sector. The Charity is reviewing its current governance arrangements against the principles within the code and will address any issues raised where required.

The objects of the charity are the Relief of Needy Members of the Order and certain of their Dependants as well as making charitable grants for purposes specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence is supported by contributions from Brethren, Ladies, Conclaves and Provinces and these may take the form of either donations, covenants, legacies or bequests. The Charity has not engaged with third parties to raise funds and there has been no direct approach to members of the public for funding. A significant amount of the charity's income is from investments. No complaints were received in relation to our fundraising activities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the strategy towards and the achievements of the Charity against its objectives.

GRANT MAKING POLICY

The payments of grants are made to the needy and for such other charitable purposes as specifically sanctioned by Grand Conclave.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

RESERVES POLICY

At 31 August 2025, the free reserves amounted to £1,010,916 (2024: £939,524). The Trustees believe that the level of reserves should provide a safety net for downturns in the market as well as providing a level of income to support grants. However, the Trustees continue to review the level of reserves held.

During the year ended 31 August 2025, the Trustees reviewed its Reserves Policy and agreed to maintain the reserves at a level sufficient to generate adequate investment income to meet current funding requirements. This will be reviewed annually.

The Trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves held at 31 August 2025 to manage any foreseeable downturn in the market. The Trustees consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and, for this reason, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

INVESTMENT POWERS

Investment powers are set out and operated within the provisions of the Trustee Act 2000. The investments are managed by the Investment Committee, who are advised by J M Finn & Co Limited.

INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The sources of income for the fund are donations from the members and any investment income (including capital gains).

In accordance with these aims, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Limited. The Investment Committee reviews the funds on a regular basis.

Changes are made to the investments held on the basis of seeking to maintain the existing funds and to increase them so far as possible. The intention is to invest in securities, which are likely to increase in value (including providing increased dividends), rather than by any other criteria. The value of the investments at the balance sheet date was £851,550 (2024: £734,455).

ACTIVITIES

The amount of grants paid in the year to 31 August 2025 amounted to £14,350 (2024: £17,385).

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law.

Under charity law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its net incoming/outgoing resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITOR

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

Approved by the Trustees on 7 April 2026 and signed on their behalf by

**G Flight
Trustee**

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of the Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Order of the Secret Monitor Fund of Benevolence for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the charity and group operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011 together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which might be fundamental to the charity's and the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. We also considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity and the group for fraud. The laws and regulations we considered in this context for the UK operations included General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management and the Management Board about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, sample testing of income, reviewing regulatory correspondence, and reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Crowe U.K. LLP

Statutory Auditor

London

Date: 15 May 2026

Crowe U.K. LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	Total	<i>Total</i>
		2025	<i>2024</i>
		£	<i>£</i>
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Generated funds			
Donations		44,380	<i>15,915</i>
Bank Interest		851	<i>0</i>
Investments		23,900	<i>19,292</i>
Total incoming resources		69,131	<i>35,207</i>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Raising funds			
- Jewel Costs		447	<i>0</i>
- Investment management fees		3,702	<i>3,385</i>
Charitable expenditure			
- Sundry Expenses		83	<i>63</i>
- Grant making	3	14,350	<i>17,385</i>
Total resources expended		18,582	<i>20,833</i>
OPERATING SURPLUS		50,549	<i>14,374</i>
Net realised and unrealised gains	4	20,843	<i>57,840</i>
NET INCOME		71,392	<i>72,214</i>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		71,392	<i>72,214</i>
FUND BALANCES			
As at 1 September 2024		939,524	<i>867,310</i>
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		1,010,916	<i>939,524</i>

All of the above are represented by continuing operations and are unrestricted. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

The notes on page 23 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			
Quoted securities at market value	4	851,550	734,455
Cost £679,515 (2024: £550,616)			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		15,587	6,228
Cash at bank		<u>143,779</u>	<u>198,841</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>159,366</u>	<u>205,069</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,010,916</u>	<u>939,524</u>
Represented by:			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>1,010,916</u>	<u>939,524</u>

Approved by the Trustee and authorised for issue on 7 April 2026 and signed on his behalf by:

R A H Morrow
Honorary Treasurer

The notes on page 23 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity registered as an unincorporated charity in England and Wales (registration no. 207781) and operates from its registered office Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair" view.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Having considered post year end results and reserves, the Trustees consider the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Investments

Fixed asset investments are revalued to market value at the balance sheet date and the surplus or deficit of this revaluation represents unrealised gains or losses.

The differences between the carrying value (or cost if acquired in the year) and the proceeds of investments disposed of represent realised investment gains or losses.

Net realised and unrealised gains or losses are shown as a combined figure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(c) Incoming Resources

Donations are accounted for on a receipts basis. Income from investments and bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.

(d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable expenditure represents payments of grants and other expenses. Raising funds are the jewel costs and the investment management costs.

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (CONTINUED)**

(e) Financial Instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets held at amortised cost comprise cash and bank and in hand, together with accrued income. Financial liabilities held at amortised cost comprise grants payable and accruals.

Investments, including bonds held as part of an investment portfolio are held at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, with gains and losses being recognised within income and expenditure.

(f) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates, assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects the current and future periods.

In the view of the Trustees, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation uncertainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in a material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

3. GRANTS

From the total grants paid of £14,350, £nil was paid to individuals and the total was paid to various external charities as approved by the Executive Council and the Trustees.

4. INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Market value at 1 September 2024	734,455	680,484
Less: Disposal proceeds	(191,995)	(95,306)
Add: Additions at cost	288,247	91,440
Net realised and unrealised gains	20,843	57,840
	851,550	734,455
Market value at 31 August 2025	851,550	734,455
Historic cost	679,515	550,616

**THE ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR
FUND OF BENEVOLENCE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 (CONTINUED)**

4. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

All investments are listed on a recognised stock exchange and managed in the UK by J M Finn & Co Limited. The investments at the year-end comprised:

	2025	<i>2024</i>
Fixed interest	106,630	<i>89,887</i>
Equities	622,277	<i>536,027</i>
Other	122,643	<i>108,541</i>
	<u>851,550</u>	<i><u>734,455</u></i>

Unrealised gains amounting to £172,036 (*2024: £183,839*) are based on a valuation at the year-end which is unlikely to equate to the actual gains and losses which will arise on the subsequent realisation of these investments.

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

No Trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the current or previous year.

6. RELATED PARTIES

There are no related party transactions in the reporting period.

Appendix D

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTIONS & REGULATIONS

Insert text as follows:

PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT GRAND CONCLAVES

51. (i) At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial or District Grand Conclave the Provincial or District Grand Supreme Ruler may appoint any or all of the following Provincial or District Grand Officers, provided that ranks higher than Provincial or District Grand Sword Bearer (other than Provincial or District Grand Chaplain if the Brother is a Clerk in Holy Orders, **Provincial or District Grand Treasurer, or Provincial or District Grand Recorder**) may be conferred only on Past Supreme Rulers.

REGALIA

107 (g) Past Deputy and Assistant Grand Supreme Ruler
Jewel of the Order – as in (e), **suspended from the neck by a ribbon, 1 inch wide of Indian Yellow with a Medici Crimson border (Plate III), with a rosette of the same ribbon immediately above the jewel.**

Sash—As in Rule (a).

Baton—As in 107(e).

(h) Past Grand Supreme Ruler
Jewel of the Order – as in (f), **suspended from the neck by a ribbon, 1 inch wide of Indian Yellow with a Medici Crimson border (Plate III), with a rosette of the same ribbon immediately above the jewel.**

Sash—As in Rule (a).

Baton—As in 107(f).

NOTICES

1. GRAND CONCLAVE SUMMONS—Secretaries are required to forward copies of this summons to Supreme Rulers and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave.

2. DINING—Brethren will dine together after the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave at approximately 3p.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/secret-monitor/grand-conclave/osm-grandconclave-nov>

Group reservations may also be made via the link. Reservations will close on **Friday, 30 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 **osmsupport@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.facebook.com/GLofMMM

www.youtube.com/@markmasonshall86

www.instagram.com/markmasonshall/

www.linkedin.com/company/101117374

www.x.com/MarkMasonsHall

4. **KEYSTONE ONLINE**—All documents relating to the administration of Provinces, Districts and Conclaves are available in the document store on Keystone Online. Recordors are advised not to save copies to a PC or Provincial/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 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** 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 MMH and via the 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 to **regalia@mmh.org.uk** or by telephone: **020 7747 1191**
8. **SUPREME RULERS' CONCLAVE No. 123**—Supreme Rulers' Conclave No. 123 meets on the fourth Friday in March (Installation), the second Friday in June and on the day immediately preceding the Annual Convocation of Grand Conclave in November. All Brethren of the Order are invited to attend.
All Installed Supreme Rulers of the Order are strongly urged to join this unique Conclave, which unites Supreme Rulers of this and other regular Constitutions throughout the world. Minutes of each meeting are printed and circulated to all members with a verbatim report of all proceedings, including the festive board.
Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary:
R.Wy.Bro. Michael Barnard, *MBE*, Prov.G.S.R. (Cornwall)
Email: **majbmbe@gmail.com**
9. **PREMIER CONCLAVE OF IMPROVEMENT**—The Premier Conclave of Improvement offers all Brethren of the Order the opportunity to practice their ritual in a friendly and encouraging environment. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August).
Further information can be obtained from the Secretary: Wy.Bro. Seirios Kokkalis.
Email: **seiriosdj@yahoo.co.uk**



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**