

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



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Grand Master

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Pro Grand Master

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Deputy Grand Master

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Assistant Grand Master

Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street
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August 2023

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Communication of Grand Lodge will be held on **Tuesday, 12 September 2023, at 2 p.m.** in the Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ. All Mark Master Masons are invited to attend. Please note that registration is required.

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 Wardens, Grand Sword Bearer, Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Inner Guard, Grand Stewards and the Grand Tyler at the rehearsal commencing at 11 a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, OStJ, P.G.J.W.
Grand Secretary

DRESS – Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Grand Officers, Provincial and District Grand Officers and holders of Overseas Mark Grand Rank will wear full dress Mark regalia. Masters, Wardens, Overseers, and Past Masters will wear the apron, collar and jewel of their respective offices. All other Mark Master Masons will wear the apron and jewel of the Order.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Lodge.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Communication of Grand Lodge held on Tuesday, 13 June 2023, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the General Board of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for the three months ended 30 June 2023, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To note the recommended grants that have been approved by the Trustees of the Mark Benevolent Fund to the following worthy causes:

Normandy Community Therapy Garden – Surrey.....	£1,363
St John Ambulance – Hertfordshire.....	£8,000
1st North Wallington Scouts – Surrey.....	£39,636
Canterbury Umbrella Centre – Kent.....	£45,582
Tunbridge Wells Sea Cadets – Kent	£80,276
TOTAL	£174,857

6. To nominate the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.
7. To nominate the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
8. To invest Brethren promoted in Grand Rank.
9. The Presiding Officer will address Grand Lodge.
10. To close Grand Lodge.

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS
for the three months ended 30 June 2023**

1. Certificates Issued

During the three months ended 30 June 2023, 443 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 30 June 2023 was 43,768.

2. Obituary

The General Board reports, with deep regret, the death of the following Grand Officers:

V.W.Bro. Eric Livesley, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Dr James Stephen Boyd Mather, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Francis George Woolgrove, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Peter Ransom Duckworth, P.G.S.O.
V.W.Bro. Eric Curtis Bennett, P.G.J.O.
W.Bro. Sidney Trevor Rowland Ewins, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Doodnauth Persaud, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Nigel Antony Hatton, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Roger William Bishop, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Michael James Edmonds, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Kenneth Charles Humphryes, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Ljuba Milan Badjak, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Denis Moss, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David John Smith, P.A.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Robert Sidney Stacey, P.A.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David Hartley, P.A.G.I.G.

2a. The General Board also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 July 2023 and 23 August 2023.

R.W.Bro. Revd Trevor John Walker, P.Prov.G.M. (Lincolnshire)
R.W.Bro. Claude Raoul Martin, P.Dist.G.M. (Belgium)
R.W.Bro. John Norman George Howitt, P.G.S.W., G.Treas.
V.W.Bro. Michael Henry Roalfe, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Herbert Thomas Sawyers, P.G.M.O.
V.W.Bro. Arnoldus Gerardus Daane, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. Trevor Jewitt, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. John David Lacey, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. David George Richmond Lovett, P.G.J.O.
V.W.Bro. Gordon Alexander Trew, P.G.J.O.
W.Bro. Michael Robin Bailey, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Derek John Davis, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. David William Pengelly, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Eusebio Sanda Palacios, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Sydney John Smith, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. James Victor Pearson, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Raymond Owen John Taylor, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Robert John Woodward, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. George Evatt, *OBE*, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Robin Fagence, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Michael James Forrester, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Michael William Pugh, P.A.G.D.C.

W.Bro. John Alan Berry, P.A.G.Swd.B.
 W.Bro. William Slater, P.A.G.Swd.B.
 W.Bro. Gerald William Yockney, P.A.G.Swd.B.
 W.Bro. Brendan Maxwell Cronin, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. John Edward Ronan, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. William Alec Brown Sherlock, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Howard Charles Wallbank, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Terence Cook, P.A.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Brian Gordon Fordyce, P.A.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Albert Edward Marshall, P.A.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. David John Nicholas, P.A.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Kenneth Tudor Timson, P.A.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Alexander Long, P.G.Stwd.

3. Appointments

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

V.W.Bro. Daniel Lawrence Gadd-Claxton, P.G.J.O., to be Provincial Grand Master for SOUTH AFRICA (WESTERN DIVISION) with effect from 1 July 2023, in succession to R.W.Bro. Pieter van den Berg.

W.Bro. Victor Harold Pomeroy, P.G.S.D., to be the next Mark Provincial Grand Master for DORSET with effect from 16 September 2023, in succession to R.W.Bro. Michael James Leslie Whelan, *JP*, Dep.Pres.M.B.F.

4. Mark Benevolent Fund

(a) GRANTS

During the three months ended 30 June 2023, 10 petitions were relieved in the sum of £17,100.

(b) EMERGENCY GRANTS

During the three months ended 30 June 2023, there were no emergency grants.

(c) THE 2023 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL – WEST YORKSHIRE

The Board is delighted to announce that the one hundred and fifty-fifth Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, under the Presidency of R.W.Bro. James Steggles, Provincial Grand Master, raised the sum of £1,582.870.

(d) THE 2024 MARK BENEVOLENT FUND FESTIVAL – CHESHIRE

The one hundred and fifty-sixth Mark Benevolent Fund Festival is due to be held on Saturday, **6 July 2024**, at the Concorde Conference Centre, Wilmslow Old Road, Altrincham, WA15 8XQ, under the presidency of R.W.Bro. Gary Raymond Horstman, Provincial Grand Master.

(e) FESTIVALS 2025 TO 2034

2025	Oxfordshire	2030	Essex
2026	Hampshire & Isle of Wight	2031	Northumberland
2027	Warwickshire	2032	Wiltshire
2028	Somerset	2033	North & East Yorkshire
2029	Durham	2034	Dorset

5. Warrants of Constitution

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Warrants for the following new Lodges:

Rosario Keystone Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2052 – River Plate
 Brownsea Island Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2053 – Dorset
 Deacon Coresi Lodge of M.M.M. No. 2054 – Romania

6. **Warrant of Reponement and Change of Lodge Name**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant permission to repon the Warrant of Gibraltar Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1336 (London) with effect from 22 June 2023. The Board also noted that the members had resolved to change the Lodge's name to SCRIVENERS Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1336.

7. **Sesquicentenary Warrants**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Sesquicentenary Warrants to the following Lodges on completion of one hundred and fifty years continuous working:

St Barnabas Lodge of M.M.M. No. 97 – Buckinghamshire

The Union Lodge of M.M.M. No. 154 – New Zealand

The Southdown Lodge of M.M.M. No. 164 – Sussex

The East Sussex Lodge of M.M.M. No. 166 – Sussex

8. **Centenary Warrants**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant Centenary Warrants to the following Lodges on completion of one hundred years continuous working:

Unity Lodge of M.M.M. No. 783 – Devonshire

Saint Iltyd Lodge of M.M.M. No. 784 – South Wales

Whitley Lodge of M.M.M. No. 788 – Northumberland

Public Schools Lodge of M.M.M. No. 791 – London

Socrates Lodge of M.M.M. No. 794 – Northampton, Huntingdon & Bedford

9. **Jubilee Warrant**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to grant a Centenary Warrant to the Worcestershire Installed Masters Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1409 (Worcestershire) on completion of fifty years continuous working.

10. **Warrant Surrendered**

The Board noted that the members of Castle Eden Lodge of M.M.M. No. 930 (Durham) had voted to surrender the Warrant.

11. **Lodge in Abeyance**

The Board noted and approved a request for Athelstan of M.M.M. No. 958 (Devonshire) to be placed in abeyance for a period of not more than three years.

12. **Grand Honours**

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **19 January 2024** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

13. **Administration**

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

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

G.L.M.M.M., Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

23 August 2023

V.W.Bro. William Arthur Divall, P.G.M.O., Pres.Gen.Bd.

R.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, *OSTJ*, P.G.J.W., G.Sec.

NOTICES

1. GRAND LODGE SUMMONS

Secretaries of Lodges are required to forward copies of this summons to Worshipful Brothers and to all other Brethren who may wish to attend the meeting of Grand Lodge.

2. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Communication of Grand Lodge at approximately 3.30p.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 Grand Lodge website:

<https://www.markmasonshall.org/mmm-events/mark-master-mason/grand-lodge>

Group reservations may also be made via email to: **m.support@mmh.org.uk** provided a completed dining form is attached which includes full debit/credit card details for payment of the requisite dining fee, or by sending a completed reservation form, together with payment of the dining fee of £58/£60.50p (cheese & biscuits) to Masonic Support Services on or before Tuesday, **5 September 2023**.

Reservations may be cancelled, without incurring a charge, up to 7 days prior to the meeting, after which fees will not be refunded.

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/markmasonshall

Twitter: [@MarkMasonsHall](https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall)

4. KEYSTONE ONLINE

All documents relating to the administration of Provinces/Districts and Lodges are now available in the new document store on Keystone Online. Secretaries 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 Grand Lodge website:

www.markmasonshall.org/charity

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 1180**.

To coincide with the UGLE Quarterly Communications at Freemasons' Hall, we can guarantee the Carvery Restaurant will be open on the second Wednesdays in March, June, September and December. Advance booking is required and you can be seated between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m.

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 11.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Mon. to Sat.

Further information is available on the 86 St James website: **<http://86hospitality.info>**

7. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

Publications and regalia for all Orders can be purchased from the shop at Mark Masons' Hall and via our website:

www.shopat86.co.uk

The shop opening hours are 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Monday to Friday). Orders may also be placed by telephone or email:

Tel: 020 7747 1191

regalia@mmh.org.uk

8. ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTER'S LODGES OF INSTRUCTION FOR MARK MASTER MASONS AND MEMBERS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF ROYAL ARK MARINER

Next year's Annual Festival will be held Tuesday, **30 April 2024**, at Mark Masons' Hall, at which there will be a demonstration of the Elevation and Advancement Ceremonies. The meeting will be followed by a Festival Dinner.

Festival President: R.W.Bro. EDWARD RENNIE GARTY, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex.

Information and application forms for the 2024 Annual Festival can be obtained from the Provincial Grand Secretary, W.Bro. Darrel Peter Palmer, or from the Festival Secretary:

W.Bro. Christopher J. Rose

10 Griffin Way, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT23 4JL

Email: cs.rose@btinternet.com

