

The Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord
in the British Isles and its Districts and Consistories Overseas



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Grand Summus

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

28 March 2024

Dear Sir and Companion

The Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus will be held on Thursday, **2 May 2024** at 12.30p.m. in the Grand Temple, Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL.

All Companions 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 beforehand of their intention to attend. The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests the attendance of the Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Organist and the Grand Guarder at a rehearsal commencing at 10.30 a.m. in the Grand Temple.

By command of the Most Distinguished Grand Summus.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

V. Dist. Comp. Daniel M. Heath, V
Grand Recorder

DRESS: Short black coat or dark lounge suit. Grand and Provincial Grand Officers will wear the sash and jewels appropriate to their rank. All other Companions will wear the regalia appropriate to their Grade within the Order.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Senatus.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus held on Thursday, 4 May 2023, as circulated with the summons for this meeting, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 January 2024, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To elect and proclaim the Grand Summus.
6. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Summus.
7. To appoint and proclaim the Assistant Grand Summus.
8. To nominate and elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
9. To appoint and invest Grand Officers for the year 2024/2025.
10. The Most Distinguished Grand Summus will receive the Captain of the Grand Summus's Tzaddikim.
11. To appoint professionally qualified and registered Auditors in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
12. To elect three members to serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
13. To appoint three members to serve on the Executive Committee in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
14. The Most Distinguished Grand Summus will address Grand Senatus.
15. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Senatus.
16. To close Grand Senatus.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the twelve months ended 31 January 2024

1. Membership of the Order

During the past twelve months, 222 Companions have been admitted to the Order. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 January 2024 was 3,532.

2. Obituary

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

R.Dist.Comp. Louis Maurice Keats, P.Prov.G.S. (Surrey)

R.Dist.Comp. Charles Keith Huddleston, P.G.Chan.

R.Dist.Comp. Maurice Bendig, *JP*, P.G.Vice Chan.

V.Dist.Comp. Michael Henry Roalfe, P.G.Reg.

V.Dist.Comp. Dr MC Black, P.G.Lect.

V.Dist.Comp. Robin Fagence, P.G.Lect.

V.Dist.Comp. Barry Howarth, P.G.Lect.

V.Dist.Comp. Capt. Eidwin Frederick Mullan, P.G.Lect.

V.Dist.Comp. Ian Ronson, P.G.Lect.

Dist.Comp. Trevor Jewitt, P.G.Her.

Dist.Comp. David Gareth Gait, P.A.G.D.C.

Dist.Comp. Peter Donald Morgan, P.A.G.D.C.

Dist.Comp. Doodnauth Persaud, P.A.G.D.C.

Dist.Comp. William Penrice Wade, P.A.G.D.C.

Dist.Comp. Fozlo Brewster, *CBE*, P.G.Swd.B.

Dist.Comp. Roger Joseph Ernest O'Brien, P.G.Swd.B.

Dist.Comp. Hugh Barrington Roberts, P.G.Swd.B.

Dist.Comp. Walter John Astbury, P.G.St.B.

Dist.Comp. William Jack Hagger, P.G.St.B.

Dist.Comp. Robert James Howlett, P.G.St.B.

Dist.Comp. John Laughton Partington Ross, P.G.St.B.

Dist.Comp. Victor George Soane, P.G.St.B.

2a The Executive Committee also note, with deep regret, that the death of the following Grand Officers was reported between 1 February 2024 and 28 March 2024:

V.Dist.Comp. Raymond Duff Rodgers, P.G.Reg.

Dist.Comp. Aroon Kumar Sadanand Parab, P.G.Her.

Dist.Comp. Michael George Spencer, P.G.Her.

Dist.Comp. Thomas Henry Wise, P.G.Swd.B.

3. Appointments

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus has been pleased to make the following appointments at his pleasure:

R.Dist.Comp. Richard Charles William Batchelor, P.G.Vice Chan., to be Provincial Grand Summus for HAMPSHIRE, ISLE OF WIGHT AND THE CHANNEL ISLANDS with effect from 4 March 2023, in succession to R.Dist.Comp. Ian Martin Campbell.

Dist.Comp. Terence Douglas Sheern, to be Provincial Grand Summus for ESSEX with effect from 16 November 2023, in succession to R.Dist.Comp. Raymond Joseph Clare.

4. Warrants of Constitution

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus has been pleased to grant Warrants of Constitution for the following Consistories:

Vale of Pickering Consistory No. 144 – North & East Yorkshire
 Charlemagne Consistory No. 145 – Essex
 Wiivnhou Consistory No. 146 – Essex
 Bene Dic Consistory No. 147 – France
 Lugdunum Consistory No. 148 – France
 Invictus Consistory No. 149 – Midland Counties
 Burdigala Consistory No. 150 – France
 Jerusalem Consistory No. 151 – France
 River Thames Consistory No. 152 – Middlesex
 First Light Consistory No. 153 – East Anglia

5. Grand Honours

The Most Distinguished Grand Summus has ruled that **26 November** is the latest date by which recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Recorder.

6. Fees and Annual Dues

In accordance with Regulation 103, it has been agreed that the Standard rate of registration and other fees payable by Consistories to Grand Senatus for the financial year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 shall be as set out as follows:

WARRANTS

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

PATENTS

For a Provincial / District Grand Summus or Grand Inspector..... at cost

REGISTRATION

Annual Dues £33.00
 Installed Presidents' Consistory..... £16.50
 Companion on Reception or a Joining Companion from another Constitution
 not previously on the Register of Grand Senatus
 (TBC: 50% reduction – 2024/2025)..... £15.00 or £30.00
 Joining Companion already registered
 (TBC: 50% reduction – 2024/2025)..... £11.50 or £23.00
 Founder member of a new Consistory being a Companion already on the
 Register of Grand Senatus £8.00
 Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Senatus Certificate £30.00

DISPENSATIONS

Consistory or President Elect £30.00
 Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc)..... £58.00

Any request for Dispensation received less than 21 days before it is required will be treated as Nunc Pro Tunc and charged accordingly.

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 Consistories and Companions in England and Wales. Fees pertaining to members in the European Union will be advised accordingly.

7. 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 Recorders and Recorders of Unattached Consistories 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:

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

28 March 2024

R.Dist.Comp. T. D. Currans, VI, P.G.Chan.
President of the Executive Committee

V.Dist.Comp. Daniel M. Heath, V, Grand Recorder

NOTICES

1. GRAND SENATUS SUMMONS

Recorders of Consistories are required to forward copies of this summons to Presidents and to all other Companions who may wish to attend the Annual Convocation.

2. DINING

Companions will dine together after the Annual Convocation of Grand Senatus on Thursday, **2 May 2024**, at approximately 2.45 p.m. at Mark Masons' Hall.

Companions who wish to dine may make reservations via the online dining facility on the Grand Senatus website:

<https://www.markmasonshall.org/osc-events/scarlet-cord/grand-senatus>

Group reservations may also be made via email to: **grandsenatus@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 £65.00 (with House Wines) to Masonic Support Services on or before Thursday, **18 April 2024**.

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

<https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

<https://www.youtube.com/@markmasonshall86>

<https://www.instagram.com/markmasonshall/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GLofMMM/>

4. KEYSTONE ONLINE

All documents relating to the administration of Provinces, Districts and Consistories are available in the document store on Keystone Online. Recorders 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 Senatus website:

www.markmasonshall.org

6. HOSPITALITY AT MARK MASONS' HALL

The Carvery at 86 St James is open on selected weekdays and is available to all Freemasons, their family and friends. **Booking in advance is strongly recommended** as the Carvery is very popular and is, on occasions, fully booked for private functions. Members of the **86 St James Loyalty Scheme** will receive advance notification of opening dates by email.

Reservations may be made via email to **info@86stjames.com** or by telephone: 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 2.30p.m., finishing at 4p.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., Monday to Saturday.

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

Tel: 020 7747 1191

regalia@mmh.org.uk

