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Companion Orders Diary

Below are some upcoming dates of events for our Grand teams in their respective Orders. You can find the calendar of the regular annual meetings of our Orders further down this newsletter.

Saturday, 21 March 2026 - Consecration of John Charles Grant Conclave No. 639

Saturday, 21 March 2026 - M.M.M. Installation of Stephen Roberts as the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire

Tuesday, 24 March 2026 - S.C. - Consecration of Saxon Cross Consistory No.169

Saturday, 28 March 2026 - A.M.D. Installation of Clive Copley as the District Grand Prefect for the District of Yorkshire

Saturday, 11 April 2026 - A.M.D. Installation of Ian Crossley as the District Grand Prefect for the District of Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire

Thursday, 7 May 2026 - M.M.M. Installation of Anthony Raymond Guthrie as the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Somerset

Saturday, 30 May 2026 - M.M.M. Installation of Ashley Stuart Hawkins as the Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Bristol

Saturday, 6 June 2026 - R.C.C. Installation of Paul David Gausden as the Intendant-General for the Division of Thames

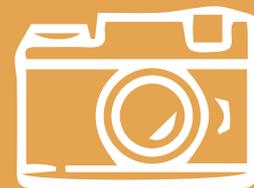
Tuesday, 30 June 2026 - K.T. Installation of Adam William Lancashire as the Provincial Prior for the Province of Derbyshire

Saturday, 11 July 2026 - R.C.C. Installation of Perry R Balls as the Intendant-General for the Division of East Anglia

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A Memorable Morning of Advancement and Installation at Amity Lodge MMM No. 1931



On the morning of Tuesday, 17 March at East Brighton Masonic Centre within Amity Lodge of M.M.M. No. 1931, Bro. Neil Austin, (Sussex Craft, Provincial Grand Master) was Advanced into Mark Masonry and W.Bro. Michael Stocker, (Sussex Royal Arch, Deputy Grand Superintendent) was Installed into the Chair of Adoniram. A busy morning! The Advancement ceremony was conducted by the tried and tested double act of R.W.Bro. Roger Richardson, Provincial Grand Master and V.W.Bro. Chris Moore, P.G.M.O., (Sussex Craft Past Provincial Grand Master). It was a great occasion with superb delivery of ritual, highlighting the FOURTH regular step in Freemasonry. The key floor work was led by the Senior Deacon, W.Bro. Mark Hoare, G.Stwd. Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, with a notable contribution from the Master Overseer Bro. Geoffrey Draper, (Sussex Craft, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master).

W.Bro. Richard Wigmore, (Sussex Royal Arch, Past Deputy Grand Superintendent) returned to his rightful place as Worshipful Master and undertook a first-class installation ceremony rounded off by an excellent Address to the new Master. In like manner, the other addresses by W.Bro. Ivor Bennett, G.S.D., W.Bro. Robert Martin, (Sussex Royal Arch, Past Deputy Grand Superintendent) and W.Bro. Glen Coneley, P.G.J.D. were very well delivered.

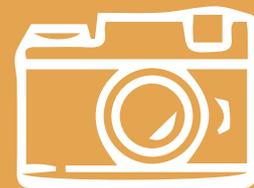
In addition, the lodge welcomed the following joining members: W.Bro. Dudley Wensley, (Middlesex Craft, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master), Bro Tim Ashdown, (Sussex Craft, Assistant Provincial Grand Master) and W.Bro. John Hornblow, P.Prov.G.I.G. (Sussex Craft, Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master). A fine buffet lunch rounded off proceedings to the satisfaction of everyone.



Provincial Grand Master's Memorable Visit and Elevation Ceremony at Oliver Lodge No. 751



The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Andy Lee was accompanied by the Dep.Prov.G.M., Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, his Provincial Team, Grand Officers, and serving Worshipful Commanders on their visit to the Oliver Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 751 at Freemasons' Hall, London Road, Leicester. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Commander, Mike Singleton, before the Prov.G.M. demanded admission and was then admitted accompanied by the Provincial Officers of the year, Grand Officers and Serving Commanders. R.W.Bro. Andy gave a heartfelt and personal eulogy for our much beloved Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Herbert Prizeman. After which, all present stood in silent reflection to honour departed merit. Following a number of important items of lodge business, the Commander rose to formally welcome the Provincial Grand Master and his Team. He presented the sceptre to the Prov.G.M. and offered him Noah's Chair. On this occasion, R.W.Bro. Andy accepted both and went on to invite the Provincial Team to fill the lodge offices. They then conducted a wonderful ceremony, elevating Bro Jason Clothier in to the Royal Ark Mariner degree. All the officers performed to a very high standard, with particular recognition later being given to the Senior Deacon, Phil Crowfoot for the manner in which he conducted the candidate around the lodge, and the Senior Warden, W.Bro. Iain Walker (Dep.Prov.G.M.) for his work and explanation of the nine steps. The individual pieces of ritual were presented in an exemplary style, W.Bro. Martin Fletcher the Signs and Secrets, W.Bro. Peter Gibson-Leitch the Working Tools and W.Bro. Geoff Phipps the Concluding Address. The R.W. Commander then had the lodge warrant displayed for Bro Jason, explained about the Regulations of the Order and presented copies of the Lodge and Provincial Bye Laws. The Prov.G.M. welcomed Jason to the Order in general and the Oliver Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners in particular, before directing the Senior Deacon to seat him next to the Treasurer in the lodge! The chair and sceptre were handed back to W.Bro. Mike and he conducted the remainder of the lodge business with great aplomb. All the brethren then enjoyed a delicious festive board where there was much enjoyment and great fellowship. A raffle and a very enjoyable game of 'heads and tails' led by the Dep.Prov.G.M. raised £361 for the Provincial Grand Masters Discretionary Fund. The evenings candidate, Bro. Jason articulated what a brilliant experience he had enjoyed and thanked everyone present for the warmth of the welcome he had received. The photograph shows the Dep.Prov.G.M., Worshipful Commander, Candidate, Prov.G.M. and Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies.



Ceremony of the Keys



The Tower of London recently received a visit from the Provincial Prior of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford, R.E.Kt. Stephen Churchill, accompanied by his Sub Prior, E.Kt. Russell Laxton, along with Knight members of the Province, their partners and friends. In total, forty-six people made the journey to the nation's capital, all looking forward to witnessing the historic "Ceremony of the Keys."

The Ceremony of the Keys is a 700-year-old nightly ritual at the Tower of London in which the Yeoman Warders—the oldest existing British military corps, who also serve as the monarch's ceremonial bodyguard—lock up the fortress. Remarkably, this tradition has never been broken.

Our party first gathered at a local hostelry under the auspices of Knight Reece Pitts, who had organised the visit to London. He had been planning the trip for many months, and at last the day had arrived.

From the hostelry, the group made their way to the Tower of London, where they were greeted by Yeoman Garry McCornel. He outlined the requirements for the visit within the Tower grounds and explained what we were and were not permitted to do—guidance that was, of course, entirely necessary.

The tour began with a series of hilarious anecdotes about the construction of the Tower, its long history, and the ways in which it has developed over the centuries. This humorous and informative commentary continued throughout the grounds, bringing the Tower's rich history vividly to life. The lives—and often tragic deaths—of many of its occupants were recounted by the Yeoman with great wit and engaging storytelling.

Following the tour, we entered the Yeomen's Bar, where we had some time to relax. During our visit we were again treated to an explanation of the history behind the relics that line the walls of the room, some of which date back many years.

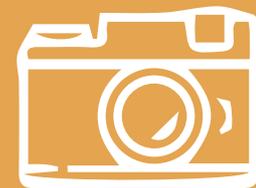
At 21:30 we gathered outside the White Tower, where we were given our final instructions before moving to Traitors' Gate, close to where the Ceremony of the Keys takes place. At 22:00 the gates were secured and the keys formally returned to the custodian of the Tower, the Resident Governor.

It was a very moving and emotional ceremony, concluding with one of the soldiers sounding the Last Post on the bugle. The personnel carried out their duties with remarkable military precision, creating a powerful and memorable experience for all who witnessed it.

Aside from the monarch's name, the exchange of words during the ceremony remains exactly as it has been spoken for centuries, forming part of the traditional nightly "locking up" of the Tower of London.

All Knights Templar members of the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford had a memorable visit which will remain with them for many a day and we now look forward to the next adventure.





The Division of Kent held Its Divisional Conclave



The Division of Kent held its Divisional Conclave at Gillingham on Saturday, 14 March 2026. With over 100 in the Temple, and not many less at the festive Board, it was a happy and vibrant occasion celebrating the achievements of the previous twelve months.

The Conclave was privileged to receive the Grand Eusebius, Right Illustrious and Venerable Knight, Revd Timothy L'Estrange G.C.C. To mark the visit the Intendant-General, Right Illustrious Knight David Green, presented the Grand Eusebius with a cheque for £2,000 in favour of The Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund, demonstrating the commitment of the Division of Kent to supporting the charitable aims of the Order.

As well as investing his officers for the ensuing year, the Intendant-General also presented the Invictus Award for outstanding service to Ill.Kt. Arthur Glover in recognition of many years of dedicated service to the Division. This is an award presented very rarely, and Ill.Kt. Arthur can be rightly proud of this much deserved accolade.

The Grand Eusebius and Intendant-General addressed the festive board to much acclaim, and everyone went home feeling grateful to the team members, who had arranged a very successful event, and all very much look forward to celebrating further successes in 2027.



R.S.M. Annual District Grand Council Meeting of Cumberland and Westmorland



Saturday, 14 March saw the Annual District Grand Council Meeting of Cumberland and Westmorland in the Masonic Hall 10 Portland Square Carlisle. The District Grand Master welcomed many. Visiting Companions who had traveled with wives to make a weekend stay in the historical border city, to site see or retail therapy.

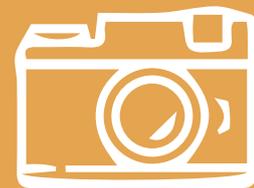
The District Grand Council Meeting again was preceded with a very enjoyable informal social evening in the nearby Star Anise Indian Restaurant where the District Grand Master hosted seventeen visiting companions and wives. Who all enjoyed a fine Indian selection of dishes, all freshly prepared, well presented and very tasty. Helped down with various alcoholic beverages. Talk and chatting went on into the early hours. The District Grand Council Meeting was attended by 88 Royal and Select Masters. With 11 Right Illustrious District Grand Companions and accompanying companions travelling to Carlisle from around the country.

Companions gathered in the foyer from 8-45, to partake of bacon and sausage rolls tea and coffee. Prior to entering the Council room for an 11 o'clock start. With the visiting District Grand Masters entering in procession prior to Right Illustrious Companion Douglas Graham Sanderson District Grand Master along with his District Officers for 2025.

The District Grand Master was delighted when the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work was announced as being in attendance. The Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Right Illustrious Companion Norman Dunkeld Milburn IX, entered the Council, was warmly welcomed and formally saluted, by the Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies V.III.Comp. Bryan Kennedy, P.G.Lect. With formalities over.

The highlight of the meeting was the investiture of a new Deputy District Grand Master (Ill. Comp. Andrew Edward Inglesfield P.A.G.D.C) and District Grand Principal Conductor of the Work (Ill.Comp. Christopher John Gabbott, P.A.G.D.C). The District Grand Master paid tribute to Ill.Comp. Johnston Montgomery Ross, P.G.Cond. of the Council, for his many years service and commitment to the Order in General and the District of Cumberland and Westmorland in particular. Following the investiture, during his address Right Illustrious Companion Douglas Graham Sanderson emotionally referred to a recent medical procedure five weeks ago, from which he was slowly recovering after being diagnosed with prostate cancer. Strongly advising all present to request or demand the P.S.A test. Early testing and diagnosis tested might just save your life. On closing District Grand Council all present retired to the dining room for much needed refreshments and a hearty three course meal of Cumberland Sausage along with waist expanding desserts. The proceedings were drawn to a close with the toast To Our Next Merry Met at 2-35. Allowing visitors to catch trains and depart for home. Some with several pounds of the very best of fresh Cumberland Sausage. The 2027 meeting of the District Grand Council of Cumberland and Westmorland will take place on Saturday, 13 March.





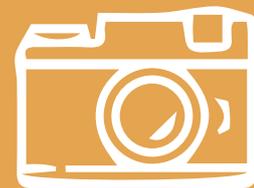
V.E.Kt. Derek John Smith Celebrates 40 Years of Service



On 03 March, Provincial Prior Julian Mitchell, made a surprise visit to the Isle of Wight and Frescewatre Preceptory No. 575, where he had the great pleasure of presenting a 40 year Certificate to Very Eminent Knight Derek John Smith. V.E.Kt. Derek was installed into Chertsey Preceptory No. 304 in February 1986 and served as its Eminent Preceptor in 1994. Following his move to the Isle of Wight, he became a Founder Member of Frescewatre Preceptory No. 575 in October 1992 and was subsequently appointed Eminent Preceptor in 1997. His extensive service to the Order includes holding the office of Registrar from 2008 to 2019 and Treasurer from 2021 to 2022. In 2020, he became a Joining Member of Vectis Preceptory No. 237, where he assumed the role of Registrar at the following meeting—an office he continues to hold with distinction today.

In Provincial office, V.E.Kt. Derek was appointed Provincial Captain of Guards in 2000 and was later promoted to Provincial First Constable in 2004. Further recognition followed at Great Priory when, in 2005, he was appointed Past Great Aide de Camp, with subsequent promotions to Past Great Herald in 2012 and Past Great Registrar in 2018.

In 2022, V.E.Kt. Derek received a further Provincial appointment of Provincial Chancellor. Very Eminent Knight Derek has been instrumental in the success and development of Knights Templar Masonry on the Isle of Wight and remains a steadfast supporter of the Province. It was therefore a particular pleasure to be able to present him with this well deserved accolade in recognition of his long and exemplary service.



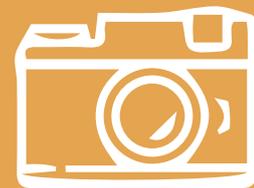
Golden Milestone Celebrated - W.Bro. Noel Roberts Marks 50 Years in the Mark Degree



This week saw the Provincial Grand Master R.W.Bro. John Stanley Evans, the Deputy, W.Bro. Colin Anthony Lemin and a full Provincial Team attending Snowdonia Mark Lodge No. 259 to celebrate the 50 years in the Mark degree of W.Bro. Robert Noel Roberts.

With the Provincial Grand Master taking the chair he invited Bro. Noel to join him in a 'This is your Life' presentation of not only his Masonic journey but his individual history. Covering his career, family and considerable community service everyone present was entertained and enthralled.

With tremendous applause the Prov.G.M. presented Noel with a certificate to commemorate the anniversary. A bonus was the promotion of the Lodge Secretary W.Bro. John Jones to P.Prov.G.J.W. for his hard work behind the scenes. A sumptuous Festive Board at Bangor Masonic Hall and a great camaraderie rounded off a Magical evening.



Supporting Children's Adventure Farm Trust - £2,500 Donated by the Order of the Secret Monitor



The third trip out of the week disbursing funds involved a trip to Millington, just outside of Altrincham. Set in rural Cheshire we find The Children's, Adventure Farm Trust. One of the main charitable targets for the year of the Order of the Secret Monitor in Cheshire & North Wales, The Children's Adventure Farm Trust was nominated by Verney Clayton Conclave No. 45. Through various efforts and collections throughout the year, plus a contribution from the O.S.M. Benevolent Fund, the Province was able to donate £2,500 to the Charity. CAFT is a registered charity that provides day trips, residential breaks and seasonal activities for children across the North West whose lives may be impacted by illness, complex medical needs, special educational needs, disability and social disadvantage. All services are provided free.

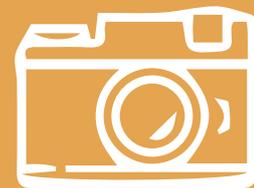
The Children's Adventure Farm Trust is based at the beautiful Booth Bank Farm, a 17th Century farmhouse set in the heart of the Cheshire countryside, and covers a 10 acre site. CAFT was established in 1985 by Tim Grundy, son of broadcaster Bill Grundy, and continued association with celebrities when Sir Bobby Charlton became President in 2000. Jason Manford has recently taken over the role.

CAFT now provides a wide range of experiences and engagements for children of all abilities. The funding from the Order of the Secret Monitor will help to develop the Sound Wall in the woodland. The current wall, pictured, consists of lids, pans and sticks. The developed wall will consist of professionally-made sensory equipment built to endure heavy usage and the English weather.

More information about CAFT can be found [here](#).

CAFT also have a membership scheme open to all, to receive regular updates on activities - www.caft.co.uk/membership/

Visits are available for families or groups, either for two-hour visit or a two day residential, but must be applied for in advance to ensure children can be catered for - www.caft.co.uk/families/



Order of the Secret Monitor Donates £1,500 to Support Rossendale Hospice Care



On a chilly January day, Christian Alexander Givons, Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor, and Hector McDonald, Supreme Ruler of Bury Conclave No. 80, had the pleasure of visiting Rossendale Hospice to celebrate a generous £1,500 donation. They were warmly welcomed with tea and conversation by Grace Cole, Supporter Engagement Fundraiser, and Mandy Tierney, the Hospice's CEO.

The donation will make a real difference, funding vital equipment such as syringe driver kits, nebulisers for both hospice and home use, and specialist beds tailored to the Hospice's palliative care services. Alongside the equipment, the funding also supports the essential guidance and ongoing assistance that ensure patients receive dignified, high-quality care.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall

Provincial Golf Day Challenge



Friday, 4th September
2026

Mawgen Porth
Golf Club

£35/Person c/w meal



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Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Province of Cornwall



*Right Worshipful Brother Peter J. Furness
Provincial Grand Master*

*Worshipful Brother. John F. Mills P.G.S.D.
Deputy Provincial Grand Master*

13th July 2025

Dear Brethren,

Please note the following information for your perusal and consideration.

'PROVINCIAL GOLF DAY CHALLENGE' CHARITY EVENT

Brethren, the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master welcome all keen Golfers to take part in what's hoped will become the 'Annual Provincial Golf Day Challenge.' All keen golfers are welcome to take part, no matter how good or bad your handicap is, simply enter by clicking the following link below.

To register your interest to play  [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK TO BOOK](#)

The booking form has a few simple questions to answer, so as to book your slot. This challenge is open to all keen golfers of all ranges of skills, a low scoring handicap is not essential, just keen amateur golfers who enjoy some time out in the open and on the fairways.

Only £35 per person which includes a meal and dessert on completion of your round. Full Payment Details are itemised on the Booking Form (All 'Bank Transfer Details' or if you prefer, cheque/cash payment on the day.)

If for any reason you are unable to use the active link above or the QR link below, but still wish to attend and partake in this Golf Challenge, then please simply email the Provincial Grand Secretary as detailed below, who will register your interest for you.

Provincial Grand Secretary Email:  secretary@cornwallmark.org.uk

Our sincere thanks in advance to all those Lodges/Brethren who wish to support and partake in the challenge.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Worshipful Brother Phillip G. Lakin

Worshipful Brother Phillip G. Lakin, Provincial Grand Secretary

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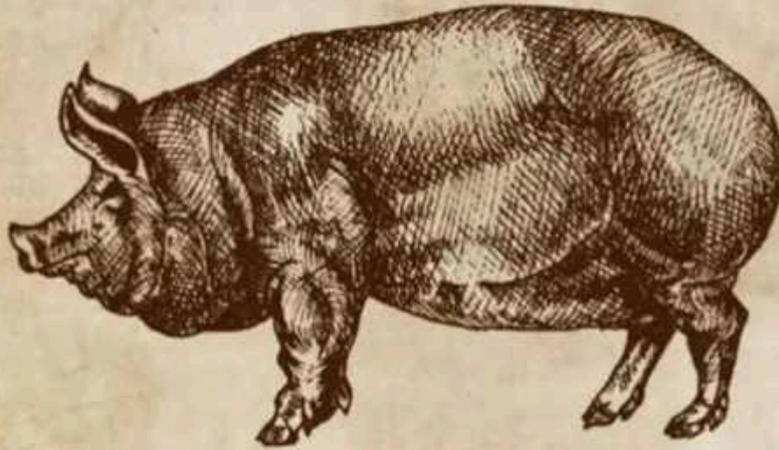
Brethren, to use the QR Code just point the camera on your smart phone at this QR Code 

Then simply touch the yellow form notification that appears. You will arrive at the booking form.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark
Master Masons of Cornwall - Annual
Golf day Challenge 2025



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall



Horse Racing & Hog Roast Fundraiser (Family & Friends All Welcome)

Sunday 7th June 2026

13.00 - 18.00

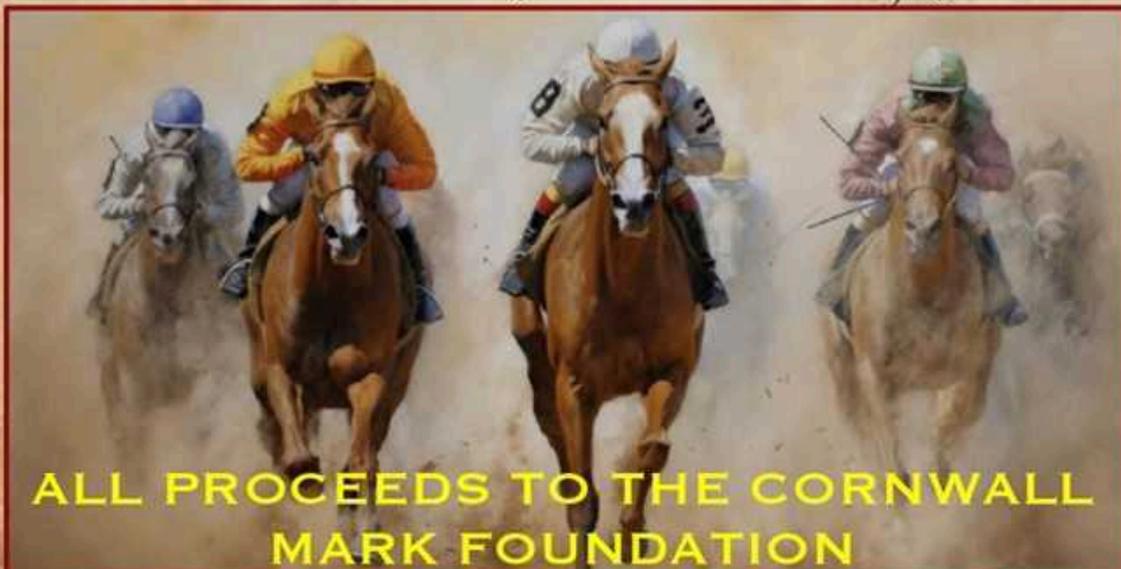
St. Erme Community Centre

Trispen, Nr. Truro.



Tickets Only
£10 Each

Horse Racing, Splat the Rat, Skittles, Giant Jenga & Many More
Family Fun Games to Enjoy.



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Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Province of Cornwall



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Assistant Provincial Grand Master*

17th February 2026

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Dear Worshipful Brethren & Brethren,

The Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Peter John Furness is delighted to announce the details of the Annual Hog Roast Event 2026, taking place at the St. Erme Community Centre, Trispen, Nr. Truro.

Brethren, Social Events only work if they are supported and like all things planned and organised, it takes a lot of time, effort and dedication from those willing to help. Therefore, following the success of previous years, it has been decided to continue to run this popular event which is open for you, your family and your friends.

Provincial Horse Racing & Hog Roast Fundraiser

Sunday 7th June 2026. 13.00 - 18.00

(Adults £10 each - Children £5 each, which includes a Hog Roast Roll)

There will be the Annual Five Horse Races (*Using Hobby Horses raced by the 'Executive Team Members' as jockeys and definitely not to be missed!*) Plus, you can enjoy a flutter on the Tote. There will also be Skittles, Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4 and Splat the Rat games, entertainment for all ages, combined with a delicious Hog Roast thanks to Worshipful Brother Steve Ball. **Drinks are also available to purchase from a fully stocked bar all afternoon.**

All funds raised go towards the Cornwall Mark Foundation which continues to help so many deserving charities within our local communities.

Brethren, your attendance is vital if these Social Events are to survive. Please show your support as it is genuinely appreciated, **please double click on the purple link below** to book your tickets today!

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Yours sincerely & fraternally

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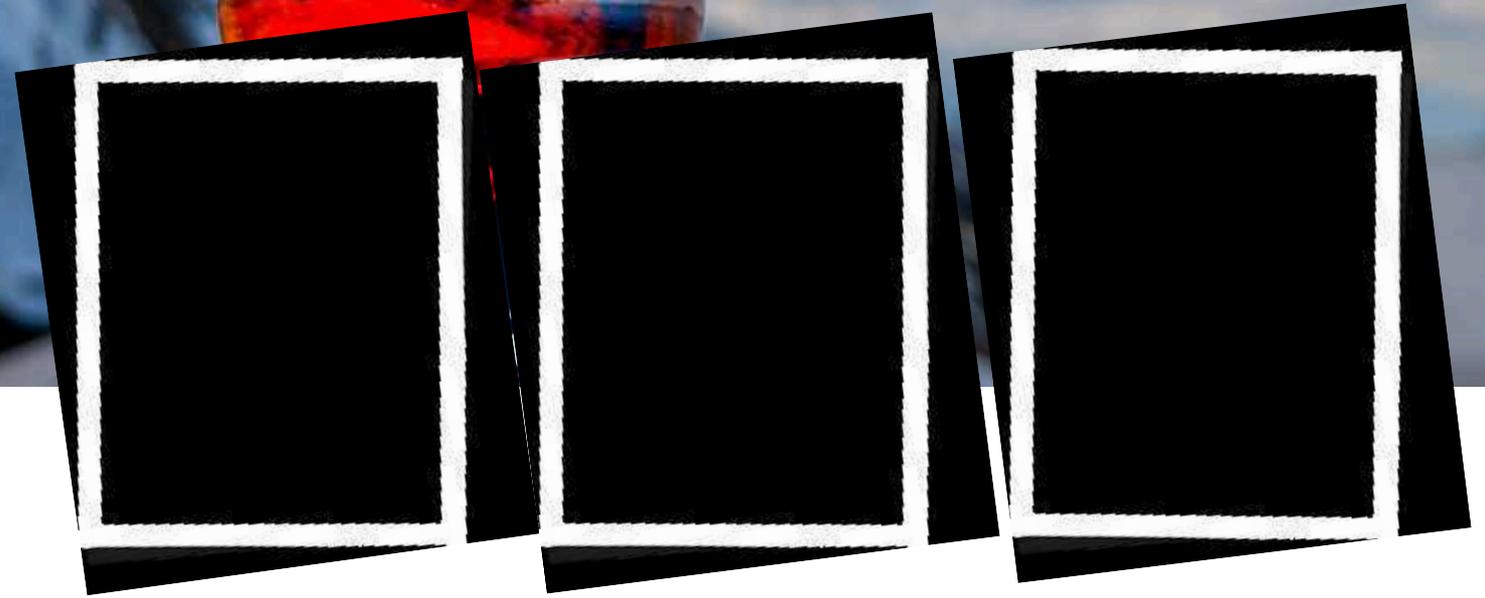
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PRICE
£60
Per Person

GLENFARCLAS 105 DAY WHISKY TASTING

Whiskey Tasting At Mark Masons' Hall



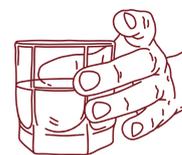
To celebrate Glenfarclas 105 Day, on Wednesday, 15 April 2026, come and join us at Mark Masons' Hall for a six-dram tasting of whiskies, culminating in the iconic Glenfarclas 105 Speyside Single Malt Whisky.

This cask strength whisky, bottled at 60% ABV, was arguably the first commercially available cask strength whisky and derives its name from its powerful 105 proof alcohol content.

15 April being the 105th day of the year, this has become the traditional day for devotees if this distinctive dram to celebrate it in style.

The tasting will take you on a leisurely journey through most of the whisky regions of Scotland and will feature lesser-known distilleries not found on the shelves of your high street retailers, or limited-edition releases.

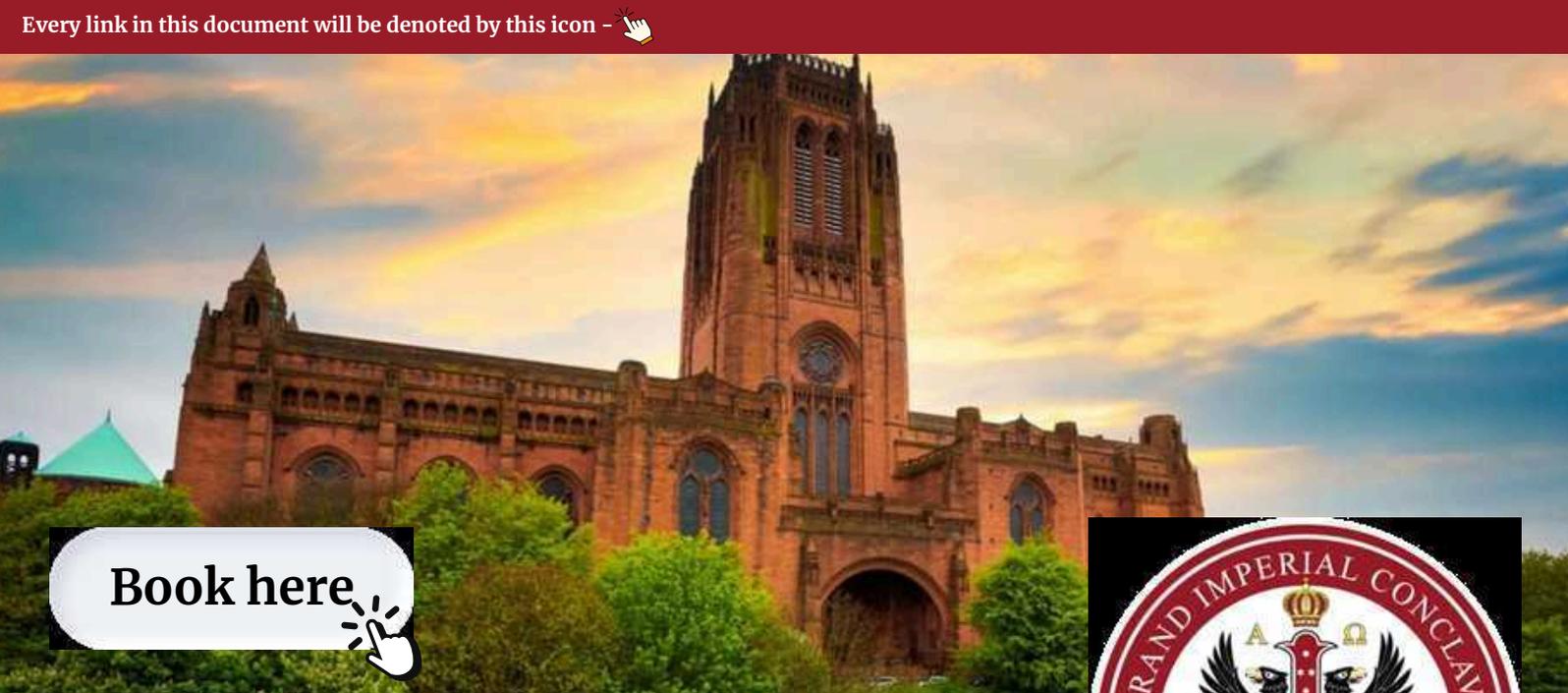
The tasting will be accompanied by a three-course supper of:
Scotch Egg with Truffled Mustard and Pickled Onion
Fish Pie with Market Vegetables
Cheese and Biscuits



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Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.





Church Service 2026

The Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Orders of the Holy Sepulchre and of St John the Evangelist

Address



The Liverpool Cathedral,
St James' Mount,
Liverpool 

Post Code: L1 7AZ

Date



Saturday, 18 April 2026

Time



11:00 am
(Doors open at 10:00 am)

Lunch



1.30 pm - 3:00pm

Parking Arrangements

Please note: Liverpool Football Club (LFC) to the Cathedral is approximately 4 miles.

Liverpool FC will be playing Everton FC at Everton that weekend. As a local derby, the match is expected to attract considerable interest, so all attendees are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that all prices listed in the attached document are approximate at the time of publishing and are subject to change.

Parking Option No. 1

Liverpool Football Club (LFC), Anfield, Liverpool, L4 0TH 

Parking plus refreshments and organised shuttle service from LFC to the Cathedral pre and post service.

Please note: In house café which will be open at 9:00 am and attendees can avail themselves of a morning refreshment such as a breakfast roll, tea or coffee where they can sit in comfort whilst the transport arrives ready for onward transmission to the Cathedral.

Parking Option No. 2

The Liverpool Cathedral, St James' Mount, Liverpool L1 7AZ 

For those who wish to go directly to the service and bypass the LFC parking point, however parking in the city centre is likely to be at a premium.

There is an hourly charge and fills up very quickly, this is not recommended.

Please note: The Church Service as well as the lunch is open to all. Attendees who have booked a place at table can avail themselves of pre-dinner drinks at the cash bar and 3-course lunch in the Liverpool FC Dugout Suite. Lunch will be served at 1:30 pm and informal wine takings and an address by the Grand Sovereign, followed by departure to home addresses.

Accommodation

Hope Street Hotel

Cost for 17th-18th
- £149.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £367.20

Holiday Inn Express Duke Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £101.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £298.00

The Halyard Duke Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £130.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £320.00

The Resident Seel Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £98.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £249.00

Novotel Hanover Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £110.26
Cost for 17th-19th
- £301.62

Premier Inn Hannover Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £153.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £340.00

Holiday Inn Lime Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £100.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £312.00

Radisson Red Lime Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £129.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £358.00

Premier Inn Lime Street

Cost for 17th-18th
- £108.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £348.00

Hilton Thomas Steers Way

Cost for 17th-18th
- £123.00
Cost for 17th-19th
- £336.07

The prices above are indicative and based on 2 people sharing a room but are not always directly comparable; e.g. some include breakfast, some do not. The hotel prices are as a guide only and no special rates have been negotiated

An important point to bear in mind is parking. None of the hotels will have their own parking but may have discounted parking at nearby car parks. The nearest hotel to the Cathedral is the Hope Street Hotel.

They recommend parking at the Cathedral (£14.50 for 24hrs). It is about 5 minutes' walk away. The hotels in Lime Street are convenient for the station and are about 1 mile/ 30 minutes' walk away from the Cathedral. The Hope Street Hotel and the Resident are boutique hotels; all of the others are part of one or other national chains.

Travel to Anfield from the City Centre

Anfield stadium is about 3 miles/15 minutes by road and The Cathedral will be open to the public from 10:00 am.

Travel Option No. 1

For those arriving by car and staying a single night in Liverpool, the best option would be to drive to Anfield and then depart home from there after the lunch.

Travel Option No. 2

Those arriving by train or staying in Liverpool for two nights (and not wishing to drive to and from Anfield), it is probably best to go straight to the Cathedral. It would take about 30 minutes to get to Anfield from the city centre by bus. We also have transport taking attendees from Anfield to the Church then from the Church to Anfield for the lunch so anyone staying two nights, might be better to go to the church and then catching the organised coach service back to Anfield for the lunch. This is included in the lunch price.

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- And for individuals making their first donation under the scheme, qualification as a Life Governor.
- Of the Mark Benevolent Fund – the first step on the ladder of honorifics.
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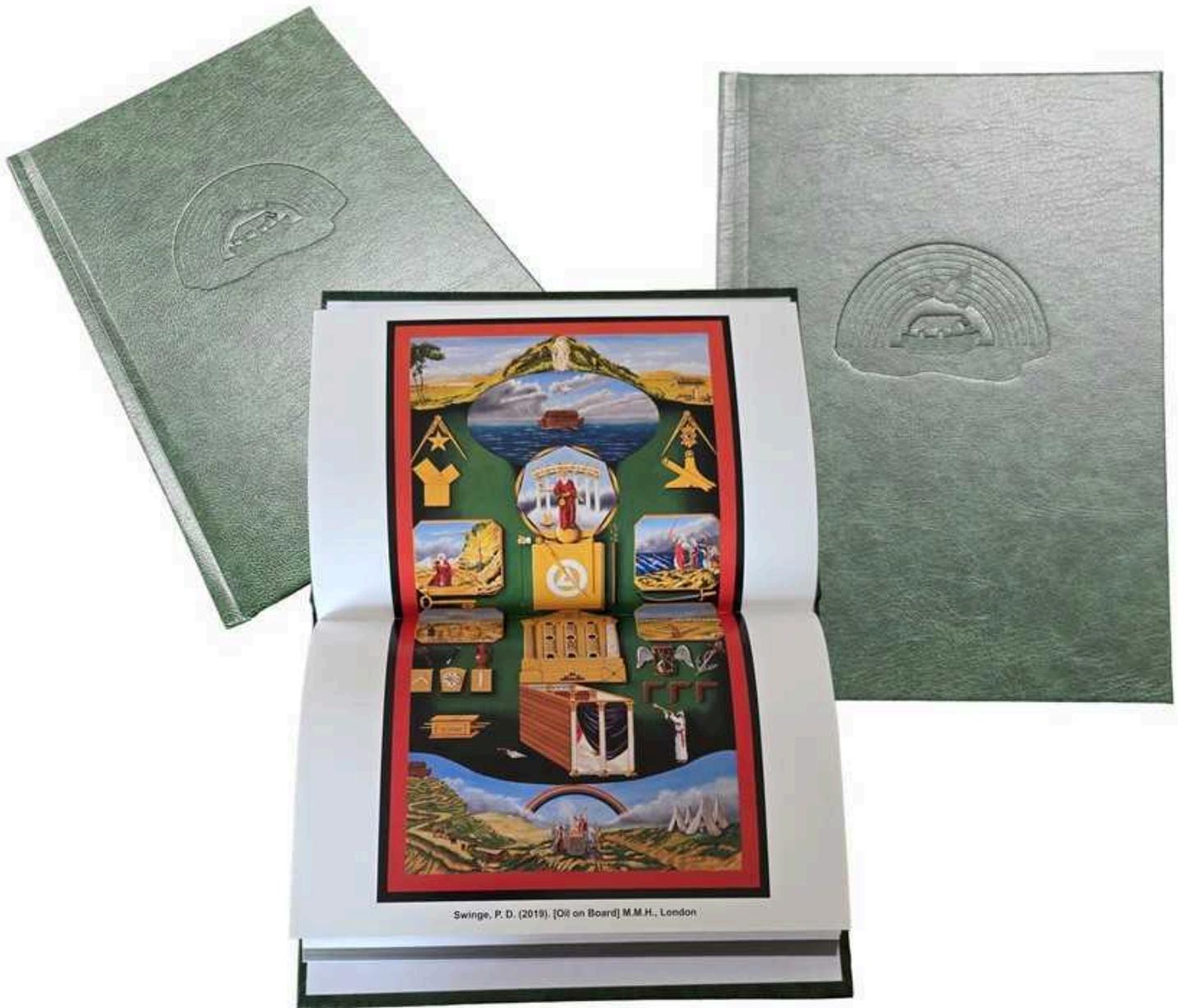


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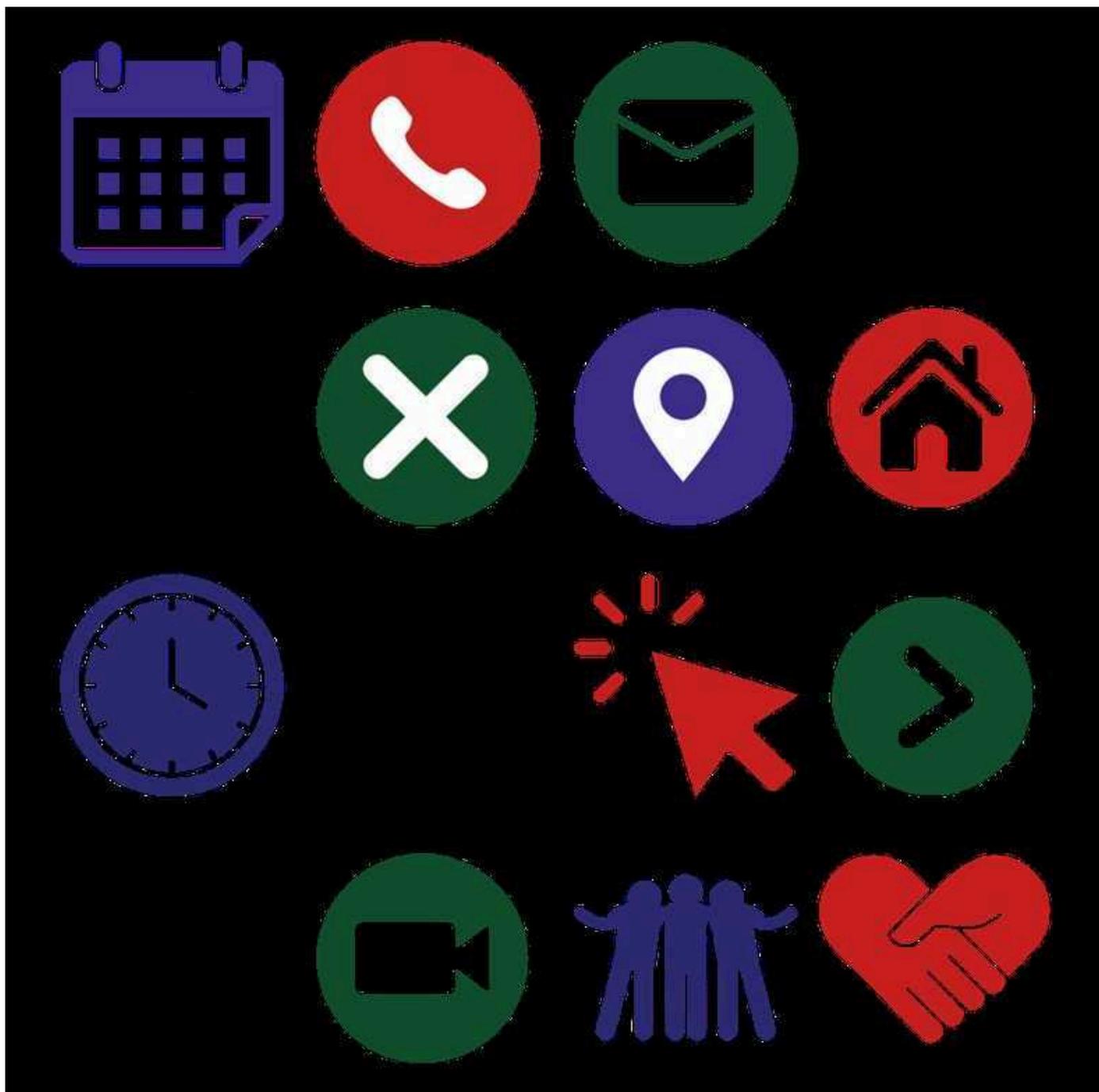
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Grand Meetings Calendar 2026 - All Orders

Please note *all* timings are approximate. Refer to the Summons for confirmation.

Order	Meeting	Date	To be held at	Rehearsal Time	Meeting Starts	Meeting Finishes	Dining Start	Approx. Finish
MARK	Grand Lodge	Tuesday, 10 March 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
RSM	Grand Council	Tuesday, 21 April 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:15 PM	5:00 PM
SC	Grand Senatus	Thursday, 7 May 2026	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM
KT	Great Priory	Wednesday, 20 May 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Active & 1st	Tuesday, 9 June 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	1:00 PM	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	5:45 PM
RCC	Grand Imperial Conclave	Tuesday, 7 July 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
MARK	Grand Lodge - Investiture Promotions	Tuesday, 8 September 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
KBHC	Grand Priory	Thursday, 10 September 2026	Mark Masons' Hall, London, SW1A 1PL	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
AMD	Grand Council	Tuesday, 27 October 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	4:30 PM
KT -Malta	Great Priory of Malta	Monday, 9 November 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	5:00 PM
OSM	Grand Conclave	Thursday, 12 November 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:45 PM	4:15 PM
RAM	Annual Assembly	Monday, 7 December 2026	FMH, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:00 PM

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