

The Grand Council of the Order of Allied Masonic Degrees
of England and Wales and Districts and Councils Overseas



M.W.Bro. THOMAS FIRTH JACKSON
Grand Master

R.W.Bro. CLIVE ROBERT MANUEL
Deputy Grand Master

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

September 2017

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Annual meeting of Grand Council will be held on **Tuesday, 24 October 2017, at 1.15p.m.** in the **Grand Temple, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ.**

All Brethren of the Order are eligible to attend.

Active Officers of the year will enter in procession and have a reserved seat in the Grand Temple providing they have given notice of their intention to attend. The Grand Director of Ceremonies requests their attendance at the rehearsal commencing at 11.15a.m.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

V.W.Bro. Ryan A. Williams, P.G.Reg.
Grand Secretary

DRESS: Short black coat or dark lounge suit.

Grand Officers, District Grand Officers and holders of Overseas Allied Grand Rank will wear full dress regalia. Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters will wear the collar and jewel of their respective offices.

All other Brethren will wear the jewel of the Order.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Council.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of the meeting of Grand Council held on Tuesday, 25 October 2016, 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 August 2017, as printed in **Appendix A**, be taken as read, approved and adopted.
5. To present the Audited Statement of Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016, as printed in **Appendix B**.
6. To receive the report of the Grand Treasurer on the accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017.
7. To elect and proclaim the Grand Master.
8. To appoint and proclaim the Deputy Grand Master.
9. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
10. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for 2017/2018.
11. To appoint professionally qualified and Registered Auditors.
12. To appoint two members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following will be appointed:
R.W.Bro. A. S. McLaren, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Lancashire
R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD*, P.G.S.W.
13. To elect two members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order. The following have been nominated:
R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref., Cornwall
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Anglia
14. The Grand Master will address Grand Council.
15. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Council.
16. To close Grand Council.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for the twelve months ended 31 August 2017

1. Membership

During the twelve months ended 31 August 2017, 259 Certificates of Registration have been issued. The total subscribing membership of the Order as at 31 August 2017 was 5,144.

2. In Memoriam

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

R.W.Bro. Graham Trevor Herbert, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. James William Turner, *ERD*, P.G.S.W.
R.W.Bro. James Frederick Leonard Acott, P.G.J.W.
R.W.Bro. John Gilbert Frederick Rynsard, P.G.J.W.
V.W.Bro. Revd Keith Atkinson Steele, P.G.Chap.
V.W.Bro. Gavin Colvin Hugh Cooper, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Ernest Peter Donnison, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. Thomas William James Gould, *JP*, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. John Richardson, P.G.Reg.
V.W.Bro. William Augustus John Thompson, P.G.Reg.
W.Bro. John Beddoe, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Peter Eric Holland, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Geoffrey Carr Hooker, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Donald Jowett, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Baron John von Hoff, *OStJ*, P.G.S.D.
W.Bro. Robert William Boots, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Harry Shepherd Cook, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Peter Robert Edwards, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Bernard Alan Foreman, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Wg Cdr John Hamilton Nicholls, *DFC*, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. George Penman, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Reynold Victor Phillimore, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Anthony William Sutton, P.G.J.D.
W.Bro. Leonard Simon Martin Balson, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Ignace Desire Laval Bany, P.A.G.D.C.
W.Bro. Ralph Derek Allard, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Stanley Amoils, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Geoffrey Harry Birch, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Anthony Ernest Walter Chapman, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Malcolm Edgar George Clarke, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. John Cooper, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Norman Douglas Dodd, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Kenneth Hall, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David George Hammacott, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Peter Thomas Marley, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. George Kenneth Molland, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Joseph Henry Patterson, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. David Richardson, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Barry Sherman, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Dominique Etienne Vessigault, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Harry Mortimer Watson, P.G.St.B.
W.Bro. Victor Alan Wisden, P.G.St.B.

W.Bro. Kenneth Sidney Berryman, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Walter Leonard Cheshire, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. George Leslie Ferris, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Ian Alastair Fisher, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. John Leonard Howlett, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Alan Clinton Johnson, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Evan Kenneth Owen, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Brian Watson, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Nicholas David Williams, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Harold Brannick, P.G.Stwd.
 W.Bro. Oswald Theodore Harvey, P.G.Stwd.

3. Appointments

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

W.Bro. DAVID ARTHUR McNALLY, P.G.St.B., to be District Grand Prefect for South Africa with effect from 4 February 2017;

V.W.Bro. GRAHAM PAUL SNAPE, P.G.Reg., to be District Grand Prefect for West Lancashire with effect from 20 September 2017;

W.Bro. JEFFREY LIONEL CONWAY, P.G.I.G, to be District Grand Prefect for Essex with effect from 29 September 2017.

4. Warrants of Constitution

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

Roy Albert John Williams No. 273 – Kent

Monceux No. 274 – Sussex

The Goose and Gridiron No. 275 – London

5. Amalgamation of Councils

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to allow the following Councils to amalgamate:

Union No. 228 to be amalgamated with Kaiteur No. 246 to be known as Union Kaiteur Council No. 228

6. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has determined that **6 June** is the latest date by which annual recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

7. Fees and Annual Dues

In accordance with Regulation 140(iii) of the Constitutions it has been agreed that the standard rate of dues payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 shall be £30.00 per subscribing member. Annual Dues payable by Installed Masters Councils will be £15.00 per subscribing member.

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year **1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018** 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 District Grand Prefect	at cost
For a Patent of Confirmation	at cost

DISPENSATIONS

Council or Master 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	£31.00
Installed Masters Councils	£15.50
Registration of a Brother on Reception	£30.00
A Joining Brother not previously registered	£30.00
A Joining Brother already registered	£23.00
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother not previously registered	£30.00
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother already registered	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council 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 Councils and Brethren in the United Kingdom and the European Union.

8. Administration

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

District Grand Secretaries and Secretaries of Inspectorates and Unattached Councils 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:

Grand Council AMD
Mark Masons' Hall
86 St James's Street
London
SW1A 1PL

31 August 2017

R.W.Bro. S. M. Ayres, JP, P.G.J.W.
President of the Executive Committee

V.W.Bro. R. A. Williams, P.G.Reg.
Grand Secretary

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016**

The Members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2016.

CUSTODIAN TRUSTEES

The Custodian Trustees of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees who served during the year and to the date of signing this report are:

H Gould *OBE*
B C Wareham

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The responsibilities of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are as follows.

- The day to day management of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees.
- The management of the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees in order to be able to discharge any financial liability that they may correctly incur.
- The installation of the correct 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 Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are considered and that appropriate provisions are made.

The members of the Executive Committee of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees are:

S M Ayres *JP*
C D Davies
G L Flight (Retired 25 October 2016)
R W Freeman
J N G Howitt
T F Jackson
K J Jones (Retired 25 October 2016)
M H Lawson
A S McLaren (Appointed 25 October 2016)
P Magnay *DL* (Appointed 25 October 2016)
C R Manuel
N H Matthews (Retired 25 October 2016)
P A Norman
N A Willows (Appointed 25 October 2016)
Dr J L W Wright *RD*

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016**

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees seeks to invest to provide funds for special events and ceremonial meetings.

In accordance with this aim, the funds are managed by J M Finn & Co Ltd. The Investment Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, reviews the funds on a regular basis.

AUDITOR

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as auditor.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 7 March 2017 and signed on its behalf

**S M Ayres *JP*
PRESIDENT**

**Lt Cdr A P D Hannagan *RD*
GRAND SECRETARY**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES

We have audited the financial statements of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees for the year ended 31 August 2016 set out on pages 9 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applicable to smaller entities.

This report is made solely to The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees and its members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members 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 Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Executive Committee and auditor

The Executive Committee is responsible for the control and management of all the property and the finances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees including for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. In preparing the financial statements the Executive Committee is required to select suitable accounting policies and to apply them consistently, make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and prepare the financial statements on a going concern unless this is inappropriate. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Executive Committee; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Executive Committee Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees as at 31 August 2016 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared in accordance with FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applicable to smaller entities.

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP
Statutory Auditor
London
Date: 16 March 2017

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016**

	2016 £	2015 £
INCOME		
Profit on Sale of Investments	0	61
Investment income	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
	0	64
EXPENDITURE		
Bank charges	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>0</u>	<u>64</u>

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 Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees during the year ended 31 August 2016.

	2016 £	2015 £
Annual Dues	110,366	108,046
Registration Fees	8,806	7,362
Warrants (at cost)	328	257
Fees of Honour	12,000	10,000
Dispensations	247	396
Year Book	<u>3,048</u>	<u>3,288</u>
	<u>134,795</u>	<u>129,349</u>

The notes on page 11 form part of these financial statements.

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2016**

	Notes	£	2016 £	2015 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank		<u>3,124</u>		<u>3,124</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>
Represented by:				
CAPITAL FUND				
	4			
Balance at 1 September 2015			3,124	3,060
Surplus for the year			<u>0</u>	<u>64</u>
BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2016			<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>

J N G Howitt
Grand Treasurer

Date: 7 March 2017

The notes on page 11 form part of these financial statements.

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2016**

1. ENTITY INFORMATION

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees 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 and in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, applicable to small entities. The date of transition to FRS102 was 1 September 2014 and in preparing the financial statements, the Council have considered whether the accounting policies required by the standard require the restatement of comparative information. No adjustments arose on transition.

All activities contained within these financial statements are continuing.

3. CORPORATION TAX

The Grand Council of the Order of the Allied Masonic Degrees 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.

4. CAPITAL FUND

Balance at 1 September 2015	3,124	3,060
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account	0	<u>64</u>
Balance at 31 August 2016	<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,124</u>

NOTICES

1. DINING

Brethren will dine together after the Annual Meeting of Grand Council at approximately 3p.m. in the Grand Connaught Rooms, 61-65 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA.

Brethren who wish to dine must send a completed reservation form, together with payment of the dining fee of £48.00 (inclusive of wine and VAT), to Masonic Support Services on or before **Tuesday, 10 October 2017**. Applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed a place.

Reservations may be made via email to: **amdsupport@mmh.org.uk** provided a completed reservation form is received which includes valid debit/credit card details for payment of the requisite dining fee.

Dining fees will be processed before the event. Please note that reservations cannot be made by telephone.

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

2. CHARITIES WEBSITE

Brethren can find information on all the Masonic Charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall, together with downloadable forms, on the charities website:

www.markbenevolence.org.uk

3. LUNCHTIME FACILITIES AT MARK MASONS' HALL

The Carvery at 86 St James's Street is open most weekdays from 12 noon to 3p.m., and is available to all Freemasons, their family and friends. Advance booking is strongly recommended as the Carvery is very popular and is, on occasions, fully booked by private groups.

Mark Masons' Hall also offers a variety of hot and cold sandwiches in the bar on weekdays from 12 noon to 4p.m. The bar opening times are 11.30 a.m. until 10.30 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

Reservations may be made via email to **info@86stjames.com** or by telephone on 020 7747 1180.

4. PUBLICATIONS AND REGALIA

Publications and Regalia for all Orders may be purchased from the shop 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 telephoning 020 7747 1191 or by email: **regalia@mmh.org.uk**

5. GLMMM WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

To keep up to date with events in all Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall go to:

www.glmmm.com

www.facebook.com/GLMMM

www.instagram.com/markgrandlodge

Twitter: @GLofMMM