

The Grand Council of the Order of the 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
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SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear Sir and Brother

The next Annual Meeting of Grand Council will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ on **Tuesday, 27 October 2015 at 12.30 p.m.**

All members of the Order are eligible to attend Grand Council.

By command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

Grand Secretary

Dress: Short Black Coat or Dark Lounge Suit. Full Dress Regalia.

Dinner will be served at approximately 3.00 p.m. to those who apply, using the appropriate form, before **9 October 2015**.

Rehearsals for Active Grand Officers commence at 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. To open Grand Council.
2. In Memoriam.
3. To propose that the Minutes of Grand Council held on Tuesday, 28 October 2014 be taken as read, approved and adopted.
4. To propose that the Report of the Executive Committee for the twelve months ended 31 August 2015, as printed in Annex 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 2013 to 31 August 2014, as printed in Annex B.
6. To receive the Report of the Grand Treasurer on the Accounts of the Order for the financial year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015.
7. To amend the Constitutions and Regulations as printed in Annex C.
8. To elect and proclaim the Grand Master.
9. To appoint and invest the Deputy Grand Master.
10. To elect the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
11. To appoint and invest the Grand Officers for 2015-2016.
12. To appoint professionally qualified and Registered Auditors.
13. To appoint two members to serve on the Executive Committee of the Order.

The following will be appointed:
R.W.Bro. Dr J. L. W. Wright, *RD, FRCS*, P.G.S.W.
V.W.Bro. S. M. Ayres, *JP*, P.G.Reg.
14. To elect two members to serve on the Executive Committee.

The following have been nominated:
R.W.Bro. P. A. Norman, P.Dist.G.Pref., East Anglia
R.W.Bro. R. W. Freeman, P.Dist.G.Pref., Devon & Cornwall
15. The Most Worshipful Grand Master will address Grand Council.
16. To transact any other business regularly brought before Grand Council.
17. To close Grand Council.

Annex A
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the twelve months ended 31 August 2015

1. Membership

During the past twelve months 222 new members have been admitted to the Order. The total subscribing membership of the Order, as at 31 August 2015, was 5,222.

2. Appointments

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to appoint the following District Grand Prefects:

W.Bro. Bryce Matthew Reid Smith, P.Dep.Dist.G.Pref., to be District Grand Prefect for New Zealand, with effect from 30 August 2014.

W.Bro. Ronald Slater, P.G.S.D., to be District Grand Prefect for Severn, with effect from 1 November 2014.

W.Bro. Brian Newton, P.Dep.Dist.G.Pref., to be District Grand Prefect for South Africa, with effect from 8 November 2014.

W.Bro. Richard Anthony Mayers, P.G.St.B., to be District Grand Prefect for South and East Caribbean, with effect from 26 February 2015.

3. New Councils

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

Rufus Stone No. 264 – Southern Counties

King James No. 265 – Northumberland and Durham

Cowper and Newton No. 266 – Thames Valley

Hadrian No. 267 – Northumberland and Durham

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to allow the following Council's to be renamed:

Germiston No. 92 – Now called Swaziland, No. 92

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to approve the following Councils to merge:

The Grand Master's Council No. 166 and Centennial Council No 100 to be known as:

The Grand Master's Centennial Council No. 100

4. Grand Honours

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been ruled that **30 April** is the latest date by which recommendations for Grand Honours can be received by the Grand Secretary.

Deaths, resignations and changes of address of Grand Officers must be notified to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible.

5. Obituary

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

R.W.Bro. James Stuart Peters, P.Dep.G.M.

R.W.Bro. Lawrence Samuel Coventry, P.Dist.G.Pref.

R.W.Bro. Robert Wilmore Evans, P.Dist.G.Pref.

R.W.Bro. Derek Swinburne Hetherington, P.Dist.G.Pref.

R.W.Bro. Bryan Adshead, P.G.S.W.

R.W.Bro. Charles Stewart, P.G.S.W.

R.W.Bro. Gordon Mather Greenhalgh, P.G.J.W.
 R.W.Bro. Michael Morgan, P.G.J.W.
 R.W.Bro. Lawrence Melvyn Riley, P.G.J.W.
 V.W.Bro. Terence Jeffrey Cooke, P.G.Reg.
 V.W.Bro. Jackson Dixon, P.G.Reg.
 V.W.Bro. Andrew Vun Bin Lo, P.G.Reg.
 V.W.Bro. Derek Schofield, P.G.Reg.
 W.Bro. Charles Benjamin Hasler, P.G.S.D.
 W.Bro. John Guy Miller, P.G.S.D.
 W.Bro. Adrian Timothy Peel, P.G.S.D.
 W.Bro. Eric Frank Richard Champ, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Wilfrid Ernest Horton, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Robert Albert Meanwell, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Peter John Smith, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Ian Hamilton Taylor, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. Peter Breathet Thomson, P.G.J.D.
 W.Bro. David Owen Jones, P.A.G.D.C.
 W.Bro. William Ivan Martyn, P.A.G.D.C.
 W.Bro. Robert Leonard Ambler, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Arthur Alan Burn, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. William Kenneth Crabbe, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. John Alfred Edmondson, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Alan Bevan Griffiths, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Michael John Gutteridge, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Graham Michael Henry, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Stanley Hunter, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Kenneth Thomas Ibbetson, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Charles Francis Lepper, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Kim Mah, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Peter Leonard Simmons, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. John Alfred Thompson, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Johannes Vos, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. Phillip Burdett Waterfall, P.G.St.B.
 W.Bro. David Anthony Ainsworth, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Kenneth Bishop, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Stanley John Blewett, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. William Frank Brown, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Harry Fry Davenport, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. Brian Robert Kemp, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. John William Mear, P.G.I.G.
 W.Bro. John Alexander Newbery, P.G.I.G.

6. Fees and Annual Dues for Financial Year 2015-2016

In accordance with rule 140(viii) of the Constitutions it has been agreed that the standard rate of dues payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015 shall be £28.50 per subscribing member. Annual Dues payable by Installed Masters Councils will be £14.25 per subscribing member.

The standard rate of registration and other fees payable to Grand Council for the financial year 1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016 shall be as set out below:

Warrants

For a new Warrant	at cost
For a Warrant of Confirmation	at cost
For a Centenary Warrant	at cost
For a Jubilee Warrant	at cost

Patents

For a District Grand Prefect	at cost
For a Patent of Confirmation	at cost

Registration

Annual Dues	£29.50
Installed Masters Councils	£14.75
Registration of a Brother on Reception	£28.50
A Joining Brother not previously registered	£28.50
A Joining Brother already Registered	£22.00
Registration of a founder member of a new Council being a Brother not previously Registered	£28.50
Registration of a founding member of a new Council being a Brother already Registered	£8.00
Duplicate, replacement or amended Grand Council Certificate	£28.50

Dispensations

Council or Master Elect	£28.50
Dispensation (Nunc Pro Tunc)	£55.00

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.

All Fees now shown inclusive of Value Added Tax at the current rate of 20% payable on all fees and dues to Grand Council by Councils and Brethren in the United Kingdom and the European Union.

K.J. JONES
President of the Executive Committee

A.P.D. HANNAGAN
Grand Secretary

1 September 2015

Annex B
THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

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 2014.

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
S J B Barlow (Retired 28 October 2014)
R W Freeman
J N G Howitt
T F Jackson
K J Jones
M H Lawson
C R Manuel
M C Moreland (Appointed 28 October 2014)
P A Norman
J R Paternoster
Rev W D Payne-Jeremiah (Retired 28 October 2014)
A C Sweeney (Appointed 28 October 2014)
B C Wareham

**THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014**

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 Investec Wealth & Investment Limited. 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 6 March 2015 and signed on its behalf

**K J Jones
PRESIDENT**

**A P D Hannagan
ACTING 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 2014 set out on pages 8 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 judgments 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 2014 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Statutory Auditor

London

Date: 30 March 2015

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

	2014	<i>2013</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
INCOME		
Investment income	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	3	<i>3</i>
EXPENDITURE		
Bank charges	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>3</u>	<u><i>3</i></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 2014.

	2014	<i>2013</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Annual Dues	102,262	<i>98,563</i>
Registration Fees	8,191	<i>6,633</i>
Warrants (at cost)	281	<i>159</i>
Fees of Honour	12,201	<i>13,667</i>
Dispensations	500	<i>233</i>
Year Book	<u>3,211</u>	<u><i>2,775</i></u>
	<u>126,646</u>	<u><i>122,030</i></u>

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET
31 AUGUST 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
INVESTMENTS			
£100 3½% War Stock	3	39	39
Market value £94 (2013: £83)			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		<u>3,021</u>	<u>3,018</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,021</u>	<u>3,018</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3,060</u>	<u>3,057</u>
Represented by:			
CAPITAL FUND	4		
Balance at 1 September 2013		3,057	3,054
Surplus for the year		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
BALANCE AT 31 AUGUST 2014		<u>3,060</u>	<u>3,057</u>

J N G Howitt
Grand Treasurer
Date: 6 March 2015

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THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards. All activities contained within these financial statements are continuing.

(b) Investments

Investments are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

2. 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.

3. INVESTMENTS

	2014	<i>2013</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Quoted at cost	39	<i>39</i>
Market value	94	<i>83</i>

4. CAPITAL FUND

Balance at 1 September 2013	3,057	<i>3,054</i>
Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account	3	<i>3</i>
Balance at 31 August 2014	3,060	<i>3,057</i>

Annex C

Amendments to the Constitutions and Regulations
amended 27 October 2015

Insert or **Delete** the following:

Section A –GRAND COUNCIL

4 (i). After 46 Past Grand Organist insert as follows:

47 Deputy Grand Organist

48 Past Deputy Grand Organist

then renumber the remainder

Section C – GRAND OFFICERS

30 (i) after Grand Organist

Deputy Grand Organist

Section L: Regalia, Clothing, Insignia and Jewels

145 (iii) after Grand Organist

(W) Deputy Grand Organist

Lyre with ‘Deputy’ below.

(Plate No.22)

then renumber the remainder

INDEX of Plates

Insert after

Plate No. 21 Grand Organist

Plate No. 22 Deputy Grand Organist

then renumber the remainder

NOTICES

1. **Grand Council Summons**

Secretaries of Councils are required to forward copies of this summons to the Master and Wardens of their Council. All members of the Order are eligible to attend Grand Council and should be encouraged to do so.

2. **Dining**

The Brethren will dine together after the Annual Meeting of Grand Council on Tuesday, 27 October 2015, at the Grand Connaught Rooms. The dining fee of £46.00 is inclusive of wines, gratuities and V.A.T. Brethren who wish to dine must send a completed seat reservation form and payment for their dining fee to Masonic Support Services on or before Friday, 9 October 2015.

Reservations cannot be made by telephone. Dining fees will be processed upon receipt.

It will be possible to cancel seat reservations without charge provided this is done before noon on Wednesday, 14 October 2015. Dining fees cannot be refunded once this deadline has expired.

3. **Charities Website**

Brethren should be aware that information on all the Masonic Charities administered from Mark Masons' Hall can be found at: www.markbenevolence.org.uk

4. **Lunch Time Facilities at Mark Masons' Hall**

The Carvery at 86 St. James's Street is open to all Freemasons, their ladies and their friends for lunch. The Carvery is open Monday to Friday from 12 pm to 3.00 pm. Reservations may be made by telephoning the Catering Department on 020 7747 1185 or by email to Katie@86stjames.com

5. **Publications and Regalia**

Publications and Regalia for all orders may be purchased from Mark Masons Hall Limited via its website: <http://shop.mmh.org.uk> by Telephone: 020 7747 1191 (shop) or email: regalia@mmh.org.uk Shop opening hours: 11a.m to 5 p.m. daily.

6. **G.L.M.M.M. Website**

To keep up to date with events in all orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall go to the website at: www.glmmm.com or visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/GLMMM

