

**PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK
MASTER MASONS OF WILTSHIRE**



**Provincial Minutes, Accounts and Reports
2026**

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Provincial Grand Lodge Minutes – Thursday 19 June 2025

Summary Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Wiltshire held at the Melksham Assembly Rooms, Wiltshire, on Thursday 19 June 2025.

For the third year running it was a very warm day, the brethren assembled were seated at 10:40am within the Melksham Assembly Rooms. The visiting Right Worshipful Brethren entered in procession, followed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire, Stephen Lee, accompanied by his Active Provincial Officers and three Past Prov.G.M.'s and three Past Dep.Prov.G.M.s of the Province.

In attendance were 157 brethren of which 15 were Right Worshipful Brethren visiting from other Provinces.

The opening Hymn was sung and Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 11:00 am.

The Provincial Grand Master welcomed a delegation from the Royal Ark Mariners of the Province, with W.Bro. John Merrett formally presenting the Travelling Ark to the Provincial Grand Master after completing its second voyage around every Royal Ark Mariner Lodge within the Province. A new route is planned for the coming year.

Under the instruction of the Provincial Director of Ceremonies the Provincial Grand Master received salutations from all present. Salutations were also given to the visiting Right Worshipful Brethren, the most senior of which responded in the person of R.W.Bro. G. Deacon from the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

The Provincial Grand Master then introduced 68 visitors from 22 Provinces and Mark brethren who were senior members in various other companion orders. They were all given a very warm "Wiltshire Welcome".

The Provincial Grand Chaplain read out the names of 9 members of the Province who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above since the previous Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting. Following which, the brethren stood to order as the Provincial Grand Chaplain offered prayer for the departed brethren.

The previously circulated minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge held on the 20 June 2024 were proposed and seconded by the Provincial Grand Wardens and confirmed by the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that all the Active Provincial Officers were accounted for and also stated that all Mark & RAM Lodges were represented.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer stated that a copy of his Treasurer's report and examined accounts for both the General and Charity accounts had previously been made available and copies can also be found within the Minutes, Reports and Accounts booklet. The accounts were proposed and seconded by the Provincial Grand Wardens and adopted by the Wiltshire brethren.

The Provincial Grand Almoner, Charity Steward and Secretary confirmed that their respective reports were included within the Minutes, Reports and Accounts booklet. The Provincial Grand Master thanked those brethren for their reports with thanks to the lodges for proving their reports.

The Provincial Grand Master reported that he had only received one nomination for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer in the person of Bro. A. Wheeler. He therefore declared Bro. A. Wheeler re-elected as the Provincial Grand Treasurer. The Provincial examiners for the year were re-elected in the persons of W.Bro. M. Johns and Bro. G. Hunt with grateful thanks for their efforts during the past year.

The Provincial Grand Master reappointed W.Bro. S. Bridge as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Wiltshire.

The Provincial Grand Master invested and re-appointed Active Provincial Grand Officers, those receiving Past Rank, Promotions and Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank.

Summary of the Provincial Grand Masters Address

The Provincial Grand Master addressed the assembled Provincial Grand Lodge and expressed his sincere gratitude for the tremendous support shown at the meeting. He extended heartfelt thanks to all those

involved in the preparation of the day's proceedings, acknowledging the efforts that ensured a successful and well organised occasion. Particular appreciation was given to the retiring Provincial Officers for their valuable service, especially for their support at Installations and Team Visits, many of which were very well attended. A particularly memorable highlight of the Masonic year was the Sesquicentenary meeting of The Wiltshire Keystone Lodge, an historic first for the Province. The Lodge, which predates the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire by some 18 years, celebrated its 150th anniversary in a truly remarkable fashion. The event was made even more special by the attendance of the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. John Prizeman, who presented the Sesquicentenary Warrant on this distinguished occasion.

The Provincial Grand Master went on to congratulate all those he had invested in both the Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees, expressing his best wishes for working alongside them in the year ahead. He also extended his congratulations to those Brethren who had received appointments or promotions to Grand Lodge and Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank. He made specific reference to W.Bro. P. Beavers, who was recently appointed to the rank of **P.A.G.D.C.**, and to W.Bro. M. Mace, who is due to be promoted to **P.G.J.D.** at the September meeting of Grand Lodge and who will be stepping down as Provincial Organist at the end of this year. The Provincial Grand Master also acknowledged W.Bro. S. Hambleton, a member of the sesquicentenary Lodge, who will likewise be promoted to **P.G.J.D.**. Finally, he congratulated W.Bro. P. Beavers once again on his appointment to Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, which was conferred in December.

He was pleased to report, that since the previous Provincial meeting, the Province has welcomed 20 new Advancees, the highest number in over 15 years. This notable success was attributed in many ways with the promotion of the *Magic of the Mark*. He stated that being a member of the Craft, Royal Arch and Mark provides a rounded understanding of the foundations of Freemasonry and that you need a Keystone to complete the Arch.

With regard to charitable efforts, the Provincial Grand Master extended his thanks to Lodges and individual Brethren for their ongoing and unwavering support of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Each contribution brings us one step closer to the Wiltshire MBF Festival in 2032, and he reminded everyone that their donations continue to accumulate toward the final total to be announced at the 2032 Festival Banquet. Collectively, Lodges across the Province have donated in excess of £12,000 to both local and national charities, a truly commendable achievement in light of 2028 Wiltshire Craft festival.

Special mention was made of W.Bro. John Hughes, who retired as Provincial Grand Chaplain after 11 years of service under three Provincial Grand Masters. A presentation was made to him by the Provincial Grand Master on behalf of the Province, in recognition of his loyal and valued service.

In closing, the Provincial Grand Master thanked all Brethren for their enthusiastic support of Mark Masonry in Wiltshire and wished everyone a safe, healthy, and restful summer. He concluded with the blessing: *May the Great Overseer of the Universe guide us until we meet again.*

The address was received with acclamation.

End of the Provincial Grand Masters Address

The Provincial Grand Secretary reported that apologies and best wishes had been received from brethren outside of and within the Province, and these would be recorded.

A joint invitation was received from the Swindon Keystone Lodge of MMM No.401 and the Radnor Lodge of MMM No.853 to hold the next Annual Provincial Meeting on Thursday 18 June 2026 under their respective banners. These were gratefully accepted.

Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The closing hymn was sung followed by the first verse of the National Anthem. A retiring collection was made amounting to £1068.50. This will be added to the Provincial Grand Charity Fund.

The meeting was closed at 12.30pm followed by a reception and lunch at 1:10pm.

W.Bro. Ray Pipe P.G.Stwd. Provincial Grand Secretary

General Purposes Committee Minutes – Zoom Meeting – 7pm 19 May 2026

ATTENDEES

R.W.Bro. S. Lee	Provincial Grand Master - Presiding
W.Bro. S. Bridge	Deputy Provincial Grand Master
Bro. A. Wheeler	Provincial Grand Treasurer
W.Bro. R. Pipe	Provincial Grand Secretary
W.Bro. D. Bayne	Acting Provincial Grand Almoner
W.Bro. J. Day	Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary (Produced meeting minutes)

Mark Representative	RAM Representative
M0178 W.Bro. J. Day	R0178 Absent
M0401 W.Bro. C. Biggs	R0401 W.Bro. S. Grove
M0443 W.Bro. P. McCarthy	R0443 W.Bro. P. McCarthy
M0599 W.Bro. P. Lane	R0971 W.Bro. P. Lane
M0853 & M1460 W.Bro. R. Moore	R1035 W.Bro. C. Watling
M0971 W.Bro. R. Penny	R1110 W. Bro. N. Poole for D. Carpenter
M1035 W.Bro. F. Fletcher for D. Bristow	R1460 W.Bro. R. Moore
M1110 W.Bro. N. Poole for D. Carpenter	R1843 W.Bro. L. Baldry
M1143 W.Bro. L. Baldry	
M1531 W.Bro. P. Brygan	
M1599 W.Bro. B. Cowley	
M1843 Absent	

AGENDA

1. Welcome

The Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Lee, admitted attendees into the Zoom meeting, which commenced at 19:00. The Provincial Grand Secretary then welcomed everyone and expressed his thanks both for their attendance and for submitting their respective reports ahead of the meeting. In response to feedback received last year, additional efforts were made to ensure that the Reports and Accounts were made available to lodge representatives in advance of the GPC Zoom call. He added that the committee minutes would be included in the Provincial Grand Meeting 2026 Minutes, Reports and Accounts booklet, and encouraged the brethren assembled to actively participate in the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from: W.Bro. C. Robbins **P.G.J.D.** and W. Bro. D. Bristow P.Prov.G.Tyler. W.Bro. I. Priest Pr.G.Ch.Stwd.

3. Report of the Provincial Grand Treasurer

The Provincial Grand Treasurer provided a detailed overview of his Report and Accounts that had been shared prior to the meeting. There were no clarifications raised. Refer to the 2026 Provincial Minutes, Accounts and Reports booklet for full details.

4. Report of the Provincial Grand Almoner

The Provincial Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Pipe informed the committee that W. Bro. Bayne would be taking on the role of Provincial Almoner, following the sudden passing of W. Bro. Ayton to the Grand Lodge above. He added that should any brethren require the support of the Almoner in the meantime they should contact him in the first instance until W. Bro. Bayne is in post.

There were no clarification or points raised.

5. Report of the Provincial Grand Charity Steward

The Provincial Grand Treasurer was not present during the meeting. Prior to the GPC Zoom meeting each Lodge MBF status was shared along with a brief summary of the MBF fund and Wiltshire 2032 keystone jewel. The Provincial Secretary stated that a fuller report would be shared following the meeting. Update: refer to the 2026 Provincial Minutes, Accounts, and Reports booklet

6. Status of Provincial Membership

The Provincial Membership Report was made available prior to the GPC Zoom meeting and has been included in the 2026 Provincial Minutes, Accounts, and Reports booklet. The Provincial Grand Master noted that Lodges had performed exceptionally well in Advancing and Elevating a high number of brethren during the year and that membership had increased with resignations down for the year.

Based on the lodge reports submitted, the outlook for the coming year is positive, with a healthy pipeline of candidates for Advancement and Elevation.

7. Lodge representatives reports

A summary sheet of the lodge reports was made available prior to the GPC Zoom meeting. The Provincial Grand Master thanked the Lodges for submitting their returns and noted the reports reflect a generally positive outlook with no serious problems.

The Mark and RAM secretaries were then asked to comment, and a summary follows:

MARK

- **The Wiltshire Keystone Lodge of MMM No. 178** - A positive outlook. Two Advancees this year plus another candidate for 2027.
- **Swindon Keystone Lodge of MMM No. 401** - In general, a positive outlook. Looking at the feasibility of introducing promotional material such as pop-up posters and banners in the Swindon Masonic Centre to increase awareness of Mark Masonry.
- **Elias De Derham Lodge of MMM No. 443** - The Lodge currently has a joining member and an Advancement later this year.
- **Radnor Lodge of MMM No. 853** - The Lodge has had a successful period over the last two years and have a pipeline of further candidates.
- **Lansdowne Lodge of MMM No. 1035** - The Lodge has had four new members plus one joining member. Meetings well supported with a strong attendance record and a good number of visitors. Through the efforts of the members the Lodge has attained a good standard of ritual which has been noted by visiting brethren.
- **Warminster Lodge of MMM No. 1110** - A strong Lodge overall with a recent Advancement ceremony and an active recruitment drive to attract further candidates.
- **Border Lodge of MMM No. 1143** - Two Advancements this year however the ageing membership is an issue with some members not able to attend Lodge on a regular basis.
- **Wiltshire Installed Mark Masters Lodge No. 1460** - The Lodge has some joining members in the pipeline.
- **St. Aldhelm Lodge of MMM No. 1531** - The Lodge has performed reasonably well over the past few years and now has several Advancements in the pipeline since losing some members following the move from Calne.
- **The Kennet Lodge of MMM No. 1599** - The Lodge has been successful over the past two years with three Advancees and two joining members. Have initiated a planned progression plan for new members taking the chair for 2026/27 and 2027/28.

RAM

- **Wiltshire Anchor Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 401** - Introducing raffles to contribute funds to potentially achieve diamond MBF status.
- **Elias De Derham Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 443** - Looking forward to a double ceremony in October.
- **Concord Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 971** - The Lodge is doing well and now has two new members who are keen ritualists.

- **Lansdowne Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 1035** - Have had a good couple of years including a recent double ceremony.
- **Warminster Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 1110** - A new joining member and achieved grand Patron status. Has also introduced raffles to increase their charity chest.
- **Reginald W Short Installed Commanders Lodge or Royal Ark Mariners No. 1460** – The Lodge has two new joining members plus another in the pipeline.
- **The Stuart Parry Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No. 1843** - The Lodge has had a good year with three elevations.

8. Provincial Initiatives

Recruitment

The Provincial Grand Master acknowledged there is only so much that can be achieved regarding recruitment at a Provincial level with advertising and marketing tools.

Lodge champions perform a vital role regarding recruitment, but he acknowledged there is a risk of over reliance on them, therefore conversations with potential candidates should ideally be at an individual level by any member of a Lodge. This notwithstanding he acknowledged that we should not lose sight of the fact that the Province is successful, but we need to maintain our focus with regard to recruitment.

He added that recruiting within RAM is perhaps more straightforward as there is a ready stream of potential candidates within our Mark Lodges and is a matter of talking to prospective members of a Mark Lodge.

MBF 2032 Festival

The Provincial Grand Master stressed the need to drive for the next honorific level within a Lodge. Should a Lodge have already achieved diamond status it would be worth investigating the Grand Master's Keystone Fund honorific and how this level could be achieved at around £25.00 per member, proceeds going to the MBF Festival.

Provincial honours

The subject of provincial honours was then discussed where the outgoing Master of a Lodge immediately receives a Provincial honour. It is proposed there will now be a 12-month window before a Past Master becomes eligible to receive provincial honours. Some flexibility will apply however for those masters serving two years as Master.

9. Status update on the Wiltshire 2032 MBF Festival

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master gave an update:

He reported that most Lodges are working in the right direction with six lodges having already achieved grand patron status, nine at grand patron gold status, and six at grand patron diamond status.

There is the strong possibility of a canal boat haul through all the 29 locks on Caen Hill flight as a fund raising and publicity event. Based on 21 Lodges each sponsoring £250 per lock gate, this would equate to £5,250 going towards the Province achieving diamond status by 2032. Other orders could be encouraged to also sponsor the event to augment the total.

Final details are still being worked on currently by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward who is seeking authority from British Waterways. The date of the event is to be announced in due course but likely to be in September 2026.

W. Bro. Grove suggested information regarding this event is disseminated to Lodges now to allow Lodges to plan for the event. This suggestion would be looked into.

The Deputy PGM indicated that some brethren still need to sign up for the Wiltshire 2032 MBF Steward's Jewel and some consideration of how this could be achieved is required. The enamelled tokens will be available for sale at Provincial Grand Lodge this year.

10. Provincial Schedule of Fees (1 September 2026) – to be proposed at the June Annual Provincial Meeting

Following on from the Provincial Grand Treasurer's report which highlighted a deficit of £1046.19 in the General Fund, and the fact that some levels have not been increased since 2018, with increases in general administration and operational costs Bro. Wheeler suggested we apply smaller increases on a regular basis rather than any large increases which could be more problematic.

The proposed increases in fees are minimal and will not apply until 1st September 2027, but need to be considered when setting future subscription levels.

W. Bro. Bayne reminded the brethren that Mark Masons Hall have also just increased their fees, which will be reflected in higher annual subscription costs and that we should be mindful, particularly regarding retention of members and recruitment of new members.

11. Annual Provincial Meeting – Melksham Assembly Hall, Thursday 18 June 2026 @ 11am

The Provincial Grand Secretary confirmed that:

- Secretaries and Scribes are in receipt of booking forms and details which should have been sent out to all Lodge members. To date we have received 128 bookings and it is anticipated we will eventually reach around 150; hence it would be worthwhile sending out a reminder for the event. Bookings will close on the 31st May.
- The provincial equipment, furniture of the lodge and carpet are stored in Chippenham and volunteers will be required to collect (day prior), drop off at Melksham (day prior) and return back (3pm on the day of the meeting).
- All Mark and RAM Lodge banners are requested by 09:30 on the day of the meeting or can be brought to the rehearsal meeting on the 12th of June from 18:00 from where they will be taken to the event. Except for the sponsoring banner Lodges (M0401/M0853) banner poles are not required.
- The Provincial Grand Master reminded the committee the meeting will be honoured with the presence of the Assistant Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Peter Williams. He will be accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- The proposers and seconders at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting will be as follows:

	Proposer	Secunder
2025 APM Minutes	W.Bro. M. Johns (SW)	W.Bro. D. Hogg (JW)
2025 - 2026 Treasurer's Accounts	W.Bro. M. Johns (SW)	W.Bro. D. Hogg (JW)

12. Alms from the annual Provincial meeting

The proceeds of the Alms collected at the meeting will be donated to the Wiltshire Charitable Trust Fund.

13. Banner Lodges for the 2026 Annual Provincial Meeting (also providing Stewards)

The Provincial Grand Master confirmed that the sponsoring Lodges at the Annual Provincial Meeting on 18 June 2026 will be as previously agreed:

- M0401 Swindon Keystone
- M0853 Radnor

14. Banner Lodges for the 2027 Annual Provincial Meeting (also providing Stewards)

The Provincial Grand Master confirmed that the Banner Lodges for the 2026 Annual Provincial Meeting will be:

- M0599 Chaloner
- M1110 Warminster

15. 2026/27 Provincial Calendar

a) The Provincial Team Visits 2026/27 by rotation or celebration event were confirmed as:

- M0599 Chaloner 06 April 2027
- R0178 Wiltshire Anchor 05 February 2027

b) Travelling Ark Route

The Travelling Ark Route has been included on the meeting calendar, included with the document pack for this meeting.

16. Any Other Business

The Provincial Grand Master stated that a Royal Ark Mariner tie is to be introduced this year with a sample currently being created for approval. There is a possibility the tie could be available to purchase at the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting.

Notices

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| 1. 2026-2027 Active Provincial Officers Indian | 27 Aug 2026 | Devizes |
| 2. Sunday Lunch | 27 Sep 2026 | Wragg Barn, Highworth |
| 3. Active Provincial Officers Dinner | 13 Mar 2027 | Chippenham |
| 4. 2027 GPC Meeting | 18 May 2027 | Zoom Call |
| 5. 2027 Annual Provincial Meeting | 17 Jun 2027 | Melksham Assembly Hall (TBC) |

The meeting was closed at 21:00 pm.

W.Bro. Jeremy Day

Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary

Provincial Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to submit my report and the accounts for the year to 30th April 2026.

General Fund

The General Fund has a deficit for the year of £1046.19.

This is in the main due to the net cost of the PGL Meeting in June 2025 increasing by £1052.08 compared to 2024.

In addition, other costs were also up on 2025, due to reference books entry costs, bank charges, stationery and Secretary Costs.

Towards the end of the year £859.68 has been spent on restocking Provincial ties, but as none have been sold of the new stock by year end these are held as prepaid stock.

Also in the year costs have been incurred in respect of the lodge pennies and enamel tokens for the 2032 Festival, this has been started to be offset by the sale of both. However, at year end £930.00 more has still to be recovered, but there is stock of Enamel tokens which once sold will create a surplus.

As of the 30th of April, the General Fund has £10,725.80 in reserves.

Contingency & Discretionary Fund

The Contingency & Discretionary Fund has increased by £1905.00 in the year.

This is mainly due to the continued good income source from regalia sales.

Many thanks to Merv Johns for all his efforts in the recycling of the regalia.

The investment of £15,000 of funds into an investment bond has continued for a second year and generated £381.00 of income.

It was agreed with the Provincial Grand Master to re-invest £15,000 of the Contingency & Discretionary Fund into an interest bearing 1 year fixed term account with Lloyds Bank.

As of the 30th of April, the Contingency & Discretionary Fund has £25,985.92 in reserves.

Charity Fund

For the year ended 30th April 2026 the Charity Fund has received donations, interest and gift aid totalling £3,308.04 and has donated £2,000 to two PGL MMM Festivals during the year, being £1,000 to Warwickshire and £1,000 to Hampshire & IoW. It also has now started to be charged by the bank.

This delivers a surplus for the year of £1255.10.

As of the 30th of April, the Charity Fund has £14,655.36 in reserves.

I would like to thank Merv Johns and Geoff Hunt in their time for examining the accounts.

Bro. Adrian Wheeler

Provincial Grand Treasurer

Provincial Treasurer's Accounts – General Fund Year Ended 30 April 2026

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2026	2025
INCOME		
Provincial Dues Mark & RAM	2052.00	2282.00
Honour Fees Mark & RAM	640.00	440.00
PGL Meeting	2500.00	2380.00
Officers Dinner Surplus	30.00	112.50
Sundry	0.00	0.00
	<u>5222.00</u>	<u>5214.50</u>
 EXPENDITURE		
IT Costs	124.17	152.00
Insurance	100.00	90.00
PGL Meeting	5246.48	4074.40
Postage	0.00	17.55
PGL Wilts Reference Book	351.00	52.00
Stationery	102.34	0.00
Bank Charges	64.77	8.88
Donations	0.00	100.00
Sundry	279.43	19.28
	<u>6268.19</u>	<u>4514.11</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<u>(1046.19)</u>	<u>700.39</u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Prepayments	859.68	50.39
Bank Account	<u>19922.04</u>	<u>20432.52</u>
	20781.72	20482.91

LIABILITIES

2032 Festival	-930.00	0.00
Held for Discretionary Fund	10985.92	8880.92
Accruals	0.00	0.00
	<u>10055.92</u>	<u>8880.92</u>
	<u>10725.80</u>	<u>11601.99</u>

REPRESENTED BY

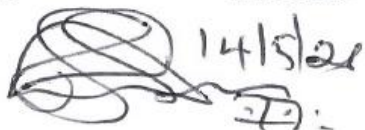
Receipts in Advance	680.00	510.00
General Fund	11091.99	10391.60
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	<u>(1046.19)</u>	<u>700.39</u>
	<u>10725.80</u>	<u>11601.99</u>


Adrian Wheeler FCCA
Prov G Treasurer

Examiners

Merv Johns

Geoff Hunt


14/5/26


7/5/26

Provincial Treasurer's Accounts – Contingency & Discretionary Fund Year Ended 30 April 2026

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2026	2025
INCOME		
Sale of Ties	85.00	260.00
Regalia Sales	1680.00	1542.00
Mark Sunday Lunch	1857.00	2175.00
Sale of Festival Badges	1000.00	1000.00
Interest Received	381.00	540.00
	<u>5003.00</u>	<u>5517.00</u>

EXPENDITURE

Festival Badges	1000.00	1000.00
Mark Sunday Lunch	1898.00	2088.00
Almoners Expenses	200.00	0.00
Chaloner Mark Open Evening	0.00	0.00
Mark Benevolent Fund	0.00	135.00
The Beach Appeal	0.00	50.00
Sundry	0.00	50.00
	<u>3098.00</u>	<u>3323.00</u>
Movement of Funds	<u>1905.00</u>	<u>2194.00</u>

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Held by General Fund	10985.92	8880.92
Bank Account	15000.00	15000.00
Almoners Float	0.00	200.00
	<u>25985.92</u>	<u>24080.92</u>

REPRESENTED BY

Accumulated Fund	24080.92	21886.92
Movement for the Year	1905.00	2194.00
	<u>25985.92</u>	<u>24080.92</u>


Adrian Wheeler FCCA
Prov G Treasurer

Examiners


Merv Johns
 14/5/26
 5/26


Geoff Hunt
 7/5/26

Provincial Treasurer's Accounts – Charity Trust Fund - Year Ended 30 April 2026

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2026	2025
INCOME		
Donations from Lodges	1000.00	70.00
Donations - Other	370.00	720.00
Collection at PGL	1068.50	800.50
Raffle at Provincial Lunch	500.00	510.00
Gift Aid	0.00	255.13
Interest Received	369.54	458.94
	3308.04	2814.57

EXPENDITURE

PGL MMM Warwickshire Festival	1000.00	0.00
PGL MMM Oxfordshire Festival	0.00	1000.00
Stars Appeal	0.00	250.00
PGL MMM Hampshire & IoW Festival	1000.00	1000.00
Bank Charges	52.94	0.00
	2052.94	2250.00
Movement of Funds	1255.10	564.57

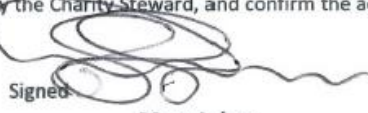
BALANCE SHEET

Lloyds Bank Current A/c	4238.67	629.96
Lloyds Bank Deposit A/c	1680.01	4033.62
CIOF Deposit Fund	8736.68	8736.68
	14655.36	13400.26


Prepared by **Adrian Wheeler FCCA**
Prov G Treasurer

Examiners Report:-

We the undersigned having been appointed examiners, report that we have examined the books of account, statements and records maintained by the Charity Steward, and confirm the accounts and balance sheet, as presented, are in accordance therewith.

Signed  Date 14/5/26 720

Merv Johns

Signed  Date 7/5/26

Geoff Hunt

Provincial Almoner's Report

Dear Brethren,

This years Provincial Almoner's report is being presented by the Provincial Secretary following the sad passing of the Provincial Almoner, W.Bro. Colin Ayton, who passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 10 February 2026.

W.Bro. Colin served the Province with great dedication, kindness, and compassion, and his loss continues to be deeply felt by all who knew him.

I am pleased to report that W.Bro. David Bayne, who will be invested as Provincial Almoner at the Annual Provincial Meeting in June, has already undertaken the duties of the office since Colin's passing. David has carried out the role with great compassion and care, providing valued support to Brethren and their families during difficult times.

David will be attending the Grand Almoners forum in the coming months, following which he will be in touch with all the unit Lodge Almoners prior to the new masonic calendar commencing.

The Province remains extremely grateful to David for his willingness to step forward and continue this important work.

The Provincial Executive are grateful to the many Lodge Almoners who keep me informed through their regular reports. These updates are not only valued, but they also reflect the care and attentiveness being shown throughout the Province. It is truly heartening to see so many of the Mark and RAM Almoners actively engaging with and supporting their members with such dedication.

Let us also continue to be especially mindful of the widows of our departed Brethren. They may sometimes feel isolated, and it is part of our shared duty to reach out, include, and support them as extended members of our Masonic family. Likewise, those Brethren who live alone or face difficulties attending Lodge meetings deserve our ongoing consideration and care.

Some members within our Province are currently facing serious health challenges. Please remember, should any Brother or family member require assistance, the Provincial Almoner will be available, whether by telephone or email and will do all I can to help.

I extend my sincere thanks to all Lodge Almoners for the compassion, commitment, and hard work you continue to demonstrate. Together, may we ensure no Brother is left behind or without support in times of need.

Finally, I wish you and your families continued good health and happiness, in the year ahead.

Thank you, Brethren and Mark Well,

W.Bro. Ray Pipe P.G.Stwd.

Provincial Grand Secretary

Charity Steward's Report

Compared with last year's report, I am delighted to record further progress in Lodge support for the Mark Benevolent Fund and Festival. All Lodges are now Grand Patron status or higher. Special recognition should be given to Elias De Derham Mark Lodge for achieving the Grand Patron Diamond award.

These achievements have enabled the Province itself to be recognised as a Grand Patron Province, a significant milestone of which all brethren should feel justifiably proud. This recognition will be reflected at Provincial Grand Lodge in June, when the Grand Patron's Collarette will be worn by the Provincial Grand Master.

Congratulations are extended to all the Lodges concerned, together with those brethren who received MBF Honorifics during the year. Every contribution helps Lodges progress towards their next honorific and supports the Provincial Grand Master's aspiration that every Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge within the Province will achieve MBF Diamond Award status by the time of the 2032 Festival.

Further recognition of charitable commitment can also be seen through support for the Grand Master's Keystone Fund (GMKF). The GMKF was launched at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge in June 2023 to commemorate over forty years of dedicated service by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO. Its purpose is to encourage and financially support individuals pursuing educational, vocational, sporting, and performing arts ambitions through the award of bursaries.

Radnor and St Aldhelm Mark Lodges, together with Goddard Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, are now holders of the Grand Master's Keystone Fund Jewel.

A personal GMKF Jewel may be obtained through a donation of £100, together with £50 for the jewel itself. All donations, excluding the cost of the jewel, count towards both personal honorifics and the 2032 Festival. There are separate jewels for Mark and RAM.

Application forms for MBF Honorifics and the GMKF are available on the Wiltshire Mark website.

Below is the latest update in respect of MBF Lodge honorifics dated 21 May 2026.

Wiltshire Mark lodges at 21.5.26

lodgeno	Name	LodgePatronStatus	Money at MMH	For next level	Next level
0178	The Wiltshire Keystone	Gold Award	£7,033.34	£1,466.66	Diamond Award
0401	Swindon Keystone	Diamond Award	11,375.55	£-	
0443	Elias De Derham	Diamond Award	£8,600.54	£-	
0599	Chaloner	Gold Award	£6,743.10	£1,756.90	Diamond Award
0853	Radnor **	Gold Award	£4,583.86	£3,916.14	Diamond Award
0971	Geoffrey Short	Gold Award	£6,882.66	£1,617.34	Diamond Award
1035	Lansdowne	Gold Award	£6,375.15	£2,124.85	Diamond Award
1110	Warminster	Diamond Award	£9,254.89	£-	
1143	Border	Diamond Award	£9,757.29	£-	
1460	Wiltshire Installed Mark Masters	Diamond Award	£9,000.00	£-	
1531	St. Aldhelm **	Diamond Award	£9,425.00	£-	
1599	The Kennet	Gold Award	£4,778.67	£3,721.33	Diamond Award
1843	Wiltshire Downs	Grand Patron	£2,410.80	£2,139.20	Gold Award

Wiltshire Royal Ark Mariner at 19.3.26

lodgeno	Name	LodgePatronStatus	Amount at MMH	Required for next level	Next level
0178	Wiltshire Anchor	Grand Patron	£2,278.70	£1,221.30	Gold Award
0401	Goddard **	Gold Award	£6,001.53	£2,498.47	Diamond Award
0443	Elias De Derham	Gold Award	£3,500.00	£5,000.00	Diamond Award
0971	Concord	Grand Patron	£1,500.00	£2,000.00	Gold Award
1035	Lansdowne	Gold Award	£7,500.00	£2,000.00	Diamond Award
1110	Warminster	Grand Patron	£1,000.00	£2,500.00	Gold Award
1460	Reginald W. Short Installed Commanders	Grand Patron	£3,500.00	£2,075.00	Gold Award
1843	The Stuart Parry	Grand Patron	£3,335.00	£1,365.00	Gold Award

** Denotes Grand Master's Keystone Fund Lodges

Should you require any assistance, please contact me or your Lodge Charity Steward; we are always happy to help.

Let us continue to make the Festival a journey to remember: an opportunity to come together in friendship and fellowship, enjoying this unique experience while raising funds that will support brethren and families in distress, together with many other worthy causes.

W.Bro. Ian Priest P.A.G.D.C.

Provincial Grand Charity Steward

23 May 2026

Membership Report 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025 plus current year

Lodge Number	Name of Lodge	Members 01-Sep-24	Advanced Elevated	Joined	Died	To Hon. Member	Excluded	Resigned	Members 31-Aug-25	Variance	Current Year		Members
											Advanced Elevated	Variance this year	
178	The Wiltshire Keystone Mark	25	1	0	0	0	1	0	25	0	2	2	27
401	Swindon Keystone Mark	26	3	0	1	0	0	2	26	0	0	-4	22
443	Elias de Derham Mark	23	1	1	1	0	0	2	22	-1	1	1	23
599	Chaloner Mark	19	1	1	0	0	0	0	21	2	1	1	22
853	Radnor Mark	22	3	1	0	1	0	1	24	2	6	6	30
971	Geoffrey Short Mark	18	2	0	2	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	18
1035	Lansdowne Mark	40	1	1	1	0	0	3	38	-2	4	4	42
1110	Warrinster Mark	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	1	1	0	27
1143	Border Mark	26	2	0	0	0	0	1	27	1	2	2	29
1460	Wiltshire Installed Mark Masters	45	0	0	1	0	0	2	42	-3	0	1	43
1531	St Aldhelm Mark	25	3	0	1	0	0	2	25	0	3	2	28
1599	The Kennet Mark	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	24	2	1	2	26
1843	Wiltshire Downs Mark	21	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	1	0	0	22
Total Memberships		338	20	5	7	1	1	13	341	3	21	18	359
Total Individual Mark Members		273	20	4	6	1	1	10	279	6	21	16	295
178	Wiltshire Anchor RAM	23	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	-1	0	0	22
401	Goddard RAM	23	1	0	1	0	0	0	23	0	1	1	24
443	Elias de Derham RAM	18	1	1	0	0	0	1	19	1	1	0	19
971	Concord RAM	13	1	1	2	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
1035	Lansdowne RAM	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	3	4	20
1110	Warrinster RAM	24	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	1	0	26
1460	Reginald W Short Installed Commanders RAM	34	0	2	0	0	0	2	34	0	0	-2	32
1843	The Stuart Parry RAM	20	2	0	0	1	0	1	20	0	1	-1	19
Total Memberships		170	8	4	3	1	0	5	173	3	7	2	175
Total Individual RAM Members		126	8	1	3	0	0	2	130	4	7	3	133

Provincial Calendar 2026 - 2027



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Wiltshire Meeting Calendar 2026 - 2027



	2026												2027				
	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June						
Mark Lodges	178 Wiltshire Keystone			9		11		12				9				178	
	401 Swindon Keystone					11							10			401	
	443 Elias de Derham			2		4		5				2				443	
	599 Chaloner			6		1		2				6				599	
	853 Radnor				9								8			853	
	971 Geoffrey Short		23		25		27						24			971	
	1035 Lansdowne			26		21						26				1035	
	1110 Warminster			13		8							9			1110	
	1143 Border				4			3						7		1143	
	1460 Wiltshire Installed Mark Masters			30								30				1460	
	1531 St. Althelm		11		3				2							1531	
	1599 The Kennet				5			4				1				1599	
	1843 Wiltshire Downs (am)		16									17		19		1843	
	Royal Ark	178 Wiltshire Anchor		4		6		5							7		178
401 Goddard			25		27									14		401	
443 Elias de Derham				26			25					22				443	
971 Concord			10		12							11				971	
1035 Lansdowne					9									5		1035	
1110 Warminster					24									13		1110	
1460 Reg. W. Short Commanders						7								26		1460	
1843 Stuary Parry (am)						3							4			1843	

2026												2027				
Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June						
27	27											13		18	17	
Act Off. Supper	Sunday Lunch						Prov. Off. Dinner					Prov. G.P.C. Meeting				

2026												2027				
Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June						
	8			7								9			8	
	Mark			RAM								Mark			Mark	

- dd Regular Installation Meeting
- dd TBA - Team Visit
- dd Clashing Meeting dates
- dd Dispensation to enable an extra meeting or change of regular meeting date
- dd Provisional Travelling Ark Route

Grand Lodge Quarterly Meetings