

## OXFORDSHIRE MARK FESTIVAL 2025

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**President:** RW Bro Ian W Wright

**Chairman:** VW Bro Barry A. Prior

24<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Dear Brother,

The Province is now in the three-year countdown to the culmination of the 157<sup>th</sup> Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival hosted by the Province of Oxfordshire; the Festival Weekend between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at the Examination Schools, Oxford University, will conclude the Province's fund-raising efforts on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

One of the ways Brethren can give their support to the Province is by purchasing a Stewardship of the 2025 Festival. In the Province we have, so far, sold 54 Stewardships; 35 to Oxfordshire Mark Masons and 19 to members of other Provinces. That means that approximately 10% of our members are already Stewards. We would like to raise this percentage to about a third by Christmas this year by selling another 77 Stewardships by the end of 2022. So I would, on behalf of the Provincial Executive, encourage you become a Steward of the 2025 Festival.

If you have made no contribution to the 2025 Festival so far, you will benefit from a buy-one-get-one free offer; when making an application for a Stewardship, the donation of £100 will automatically entitle you to becoming a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Hence two jewels for the price of one!

The application form for a Festival Stewardship may be found via the following link:

<https://www.oxonmbf2025.org.uk/index.html#jewels>

Additionally, on the same web page in the "How To Donate" section you will find another form which can be used to make regular payments to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Please be aware that you **must** include your MMH number on all applications. The forms, with accompanying cheques, can be sent directly to the Mark Benevolent Fund (c/o The Charity Finance Manager, MBF, 86 St James's Street, LONDON SW1A 1PL) or to the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, Stephen Quant, at 10 St Michael's Road, Wareham, BH20 4QU who will, if necessary, fill in your MMH number.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

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Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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