

# G&H MARK CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1172516

## Details

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Other names	G & H MARK CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-04-10
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY FOR BROTHER MARK MASONS, THEIR WIDOWS AND CHILDREN.2. THE BENEFIT OF MASONIC CHARITIES AND OTHER CHARITIES.3. SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

**Activities:** The charity supports local charities within the Gloucestershire & Herefordshire counties with small to medium grants, ranging from £100.00 to £10,000. It also seeks to secure match funding from the main Mark Masonic Benevolent Fund where grants are required to support larger charitable projects. The monies raised to support the Charity are from members of the Mark Masons within the Province.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Gloucestershire
- Herefordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£17,589	£22,611	-	-
2024-08-31	£20,580	£4,500	-	-
2023-08-31	£10,218	£4,099	-	-
2022-08-31	£6,088	£7,051	-	-
2021-08-31	£6,088	£7,051	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Brian Percival Gargett</b>	Chair	2022-05-31
JEREMY PHILIP WAKE		2017-06-02
MICHAEL TIMOTHY HOLLAND		2017-06-02
Robert William John Pike		2020-10-01

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# Accounts

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Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire  
Mark Charity CIO Fund Charity Reg No: 1172516

Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

The G&H Mark Charity Trustees continued to convene and have approved the presented audited accounts for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. The trustees and I wish to express our appreciation and thanks to W Bros Mark Bennett, PPrGJW and Gary Weeks, PPrGSO, who undertook the examination and audit of these accounts.

The accounts as presented are for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 and are envisioned to classify the grants from the G&H Mark Charity CIO Fund and the Deposits held. These accounts are presented to provide both transparency and conform with the requirements of the Charity Commission. The General Funds relate to funds available to the Province for use within the articles of the Charity, and the Restricted Funds are for Grants received for detailed purposes.

I am pleased to advise that the Trustees authorised, during the period relevant to the accounts, donations of a £1000.00 to On Course Foundation Charity and £1500.00 the Cheshire Mark 2024 Festival, together with a transfer of £1076.46.00 to the Charity Relief Chest from donations received at the 2024 Provincial Meeting.

This year was the first occasion that the Province launched its Appeal to support a specific Charity, and on this occasion, Cotswold Friends was chosen, and though the generosity of the Lodges and the Brethren, the G&H Mark Charity was in a position to make a significant donation of £16400.00 to Cotswold Friends, which will be included in the 2025 accounts. I wish to extend my thanks to all who helped in achieving this total and especially the Brethren who organised the Charity Concert which contributed £652.01 to the Appeal, with a further £202.00 being donated directly to Cotswold Friends.

I am pleased to report that the Relief Chest Scheme of the MCF is now being utilised by the vast majority of the Lodges in the Province. A small number of Lodges are yet to take the step and open a Relief Chest and I would again advocate them to do so, so that the money raised and held, can attract a better rate of interest and be managed more effectively and efficiently together with the benefit of gift aid.

The G&H Mark Charity CIO Fund itself continues to need disposable income if we are to meet our aims and objectives in providing much needed financial support to Local Charities. I would encourage all the brethren to support the G&H Mark Charity CIO in any way they can, to allow the trustees to support Festivals and worthy causes in the name of the Province. I do wish to thank most sincerely those Lodges and individuals that have made donations during this period and would urge all Lodges to consider supporting the Charity with proceeds from Raffles or designated collections at least annually.

Regular giving in affordable amounts by individual Brethren continues to be the most effective and least financially onerous way to support the Provincial Charity, details of the "Set & Forget" initiative has been circulated and assistance is available to support any Brother who wishes to consider this initiative. I would again also request that consideration is given to supporting the MBF and the 2040 Festival. A little amount of

regular giving, again will make a significant impact on the financial outcome of the Festival.

I am fully aware of the current financial situation, with many families impacted by the rising cost of living and I have no doubt this is affecting our members and the Charities we wish to support. It is therefore more important than ever, that those who can support our charitable efforts, do so within their financial means. The efforts by Lodges and individuals on behalf of our 2025 chosen Charity "National Star" is very satisfying and with a little bit more effort over the next couple of months, I believe we can again raise a sum that the Province can be proud of and that will have a significant benefit and positive impact on the Charities work and support and assist in their vision for a world in which people with disabilities are able to realise their potential as equal and active citizens in control of their own lives.

I would like to once again express my grateful thanks to W Bro Richard James and the Lodge Keystone 400 Club representatives for their continued efforts in support of the Fund, which made a donation of £1500.00 to the Charity during the period of the accounts. I would urge all Brethren to support the 400 Club. £15.00 per annum gives you a chance to win generous cash prizes four times a year and contributes to both the Provincial Charity and to individual Lodges.

Brethren, the G&H Mark Charity is your Charity, and I would welcome and appreciate any ideas or suggestions that will continue to make our charitable giving both relevant and beneficial to the recipients. I thank you all most sincerely on behalf of the Trustees and the Charities we support.

**W Bro David J Hedley PGJD**  
**Provincial Grand Charity Steward**

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire.  
Charity Account CIO.  
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st August, 2025.

<u>2024</u>	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Relief Chest</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	
3015.46	Regular Donations:	403.00		2,832.00	3,235.00
809.99	Tax Reclaimed:	498.25		703.25	1,201.50
1500.00	Provincial Grand Lodge 400 Club:				
	Personal Donations PGL			1,088.50	1,088.50
	Tax Reclaimed:			303.87	303.87
2311.00	Lodge Donations:	1,540.00		1,823.00	3,363.00
1283.09	Interest Received:	912.89		350.87	1,263.76
	Relief Chest	961.50			961.50
11160.01	Cotswold Friends	400.00			400.00
500.00	Yeleni Charity				
	National Star	5,772.00			5,772.00
<u>20579.55</u>		<u>10,487.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,101.49</u>	<u>17,589.13</u>
	<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
4500.00	Donations on behalf of Province:			1,400.00	1,400.00
0.00	Transfer to Cotswold Friends	16,000.00			16,000.00
0.00	Transfer to Lodge Relief Chests	961.50			961.50
0.00	PGM Discretionary Fund	250.00			250.00
0.00	Transfer to Provincial Relief Chest				0.00
	Donation to Yeleni Cancer Charity 2025	2,000.00			2,000.00
	Donation to Oxfordshire Festival 2025	2,000.00			2,000.00
<u>£4,500.00</u>		<u>21,211.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>22,611.50</u>
£16,079.55	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year:	-4,835.85	-5,888.01	5,701.49	-5,022.37

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2025.

49704.89	<u>General Funds:</u> 1st September, 2024:	51,521.44			
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-4,835.85			
1816.55	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year				
<u>51521.44</u>					<u>46,685.59</u>
13345.26	<u>Restricted Funds:</u> 1st September, 2024 :	13,345.26			
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	-5,888.01			
<u>13345.26</u>					<u>7,457.25</u>
3498.28	Relief Chest: 1st September 2024	6101.27			
2602.99	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	5701.49			
<u>6101.27</u>					<u>11,802.76</u>
44549.70	<u>Cash at Bank</u> Current Account:	33,825.84			
20317.00	COIF Deposit Account:	20,317.00			
6101.27	Relief Chest:	11,802.76			
					<u>65,945.60</u>
<u>70967.97</u>				<u>£ 65,945.60</u>	<u>£ 65,945.60</u>

We have examined the above Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet of the Charity Account CIO of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire for the Year ended 31st August 2025, and in our view they have been prepared in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward and comply with the regulations laid down in the Charity Acts.

Auditors: M I Bennett FCCA.

G J Weeks

Charity Steward  
22nd October 2025

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# Accounts

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Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

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The accounts as presented are for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and are intended to classify the grants from the G&H Mark Charity CIO Fund and the Deposits held. These accounts are presented to provide both transparency and conform with the requirements of the Charity Commission. The General Funds relate to funds available to the Province for use within the articles of the Charity, and the Restricted Funds are for Grants received for detailed purposes.

With a return to normality following the Pandemic, I am pleased to advise that the Trustees authorised, during the period relevant to the accounts, donations of a £1000.00 to SARAID and £1250.00 the West Yorkshire 2023 Festival, together with a transfer of £859.00 to the Charity Relief Chest from donations received at the 2023 Provincial Meeting and £849.50 was transferred to a Lodge Relief Chest from funds held on its behalf.

I am pleased to report that the Relief Chest Scheme of the MCF is now being utilised by the vast majority of the Mark and RAM Lodges in the Province. A small number of Lodges are yet to take the step and open a Relief Chest and I would again recommend them to do so, so that the money raised and held, can attract a better rate of interest and be managed more effectively and efficiently together with the benefit of gift aid.

The G&H Mark Charity CIO Fund itself continues to need disposable income if we are to meet our aims and objectives in providing much needed financial support to Local Charities. I would encourage all the brethren to support the G&H Mark Charity CIO in any way they can, to allow the trustees to support Festivals and worthy causes in the name of the Province. I do wish to thank those Lodges and individuals that have made donations during this period and would urge all Lodges to consider supporting the Charity with proceeds from Raffles or designated collections at least annually. Regular giving in affordable amounts by individual Brethren is the most effective and least financially onerous way to support the Provincial Charity, details of the "Set & Forget" initiative has been circulated with the support of the PGM. This is still to be fully embraced by the Brethren. I would also request that consideration is given to supporting the MBF and the 2040 Festival. A little amount of regular giving, again will make a significant impact on the financial outcome of the Festival. I am fully aware of the current financial situation, with many families impacted by the rising cost of living and I have no doubt this is affecting our members and the Charities we wish to support. It is therefore more important than ever, that those who can support our charitable efforts, do so within their financial means. The efforts by Lodges and individuals on behalf of our 2024 chosen Charity "Cotswold Friends" is very gratifying and with a little bit more effort over the next couple of months, I believe we can raise a sum that the Province can be proud off and that will have a significant benefit and positive impact on the Charities work and support of the vulnerable.

I would like to express my grateful thanks to W Bro Richard James and the Lodge Keystone 400 Club representatives for their continued efforts in support of the Fund, which made a donation of £1800.00 to the Charity during the period of the Accounts. I would urge all Brethren to support the 400 Club. £15.00 per annum gives you a chance to win reasonable cash prizes four times a year and also contribute to both the Provincial Charity and to individuals Lodges.

Brethren, the G&H Mark Charity is your Charity, and I would welcome and appreciate any ideas or suggestions that will continue to make our charitable giving both relevant and beneficial to the recipients. I thank you all most sincerely on behalf of the Trustees and the Charities we support.

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<u>2023</u>	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Relief Chest</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	
998.00	Regular Donations:	463.00		2,552.46	3,015.46
864.85	Tax Reclaimed:	514.99		295.00	809.99
1800.00	Provincial Grand Lodge 400 Club:	1,500.00			1,500.00
4960.21	Lodge Donations:	800.00		1,511.00	2,311.00
735.90	Interest Received:	1,038.56		244.53	1,283.09
859.00	Relief Chest				
	Cotswold Friends		11,160.01		11,160.01
	Yeleni Charity		500.00		500.00
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10217.96		4,316.55	11,660.01	4,602.99	20,579.55
	<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
3250.00	Donations on behalf of Province:	2,500.00		2,000.00	2,500.00
849.50	Transfer to Lodge Relief Chests	0.00			0.00
0.00	PGM Discretionary Fund				0.00
	Transfer to Provincial Relief Chest				
0.00	Donation to Brother in Distress				
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£4,099.50		2,500.00	0.00	2,000.00	4,500.00
	Excess of Expenditure over Income				
£6,118.46	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year:	1,816.55	11,660.01	2,602.99	16,079.55

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2024.


44406.26	<u>General Funds:</u> 1st September, 2023:	49,704.89			
5298.63	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	1,816.55			
<hr/>		<hr/>			51,521.44
1685.25	<u>Restricted Funds:</u> 1st September, 2023 :	1,685.25			
<hr/>	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	11,660.01			
1685.25		<hr/>			13,345.26
2678.45	Relief Chest: 1st September 2023	3498.28			
819.83	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	2602.99			
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3498.28					
31073.14	<u>Cash at Bank:</u> Current Account:	44,549.70			
20317.00	COIF Deposit Account:	20,317.00			
3498.28	Relief Chest:	6,101.27			
		<hr/>			70,967.97
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54888.42				£ 70,967.97	£ 70,967.97
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Auditors:

  
M I Bennett FCCA.

  
G J Weeks

  
Charity Steward  
24th October 2024

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Following the suspension of donations, on the recommendation of the Trustees, due to the ravages of the Pandemic in 2020-2021, I am pleased to advise that the Trustees authorised, during the period relevant to the accounts, donations of a £1000.00 to the Surrey 2022 Festival, Marah Trust, and the Stroud Beresford Charity respectively and £1500.00 to the Marches Family Network. The Charity also supported the Ukraine Appeal with a Donation of £1150.00. A further £1135.52. was transferred to Lodge Relief Chests.

I am pleased to report that the Relief Chest Scheme of the MCF is being utilised by the great majority of the Mark and RAM Lodges in the Province. A small number of Lodges are yet to take the step and open a Relief Chest and I would again recommend them to do so as soon as is practical, so that the money held can attract a better rate of interest and be managed more effectively and efficiently.

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Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire.

Charity Account CIO.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st August, 2023.

<u>2022</u>	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Relief Chest</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	
653.00	Regular Donations:	458.00		540.00	998.00
718.55	Tax Reclaimed:	523.85		341.00	864.85
1500.00	Provincial Grand Lodge 400 Club:	1,800.00			1,800.00
97.00	Miscellaneous				0.00
3069.00	Lodge Donations:	4,960.21			4,960.21
70.74	Interest Received:	656.07		79.83	735.90
950.90	Gift Aid				0.00
	Provincial Grand Lodge collection			859.00	859.00
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7059.19		8,398.13	0.00	1,819.83	10,217.96
	<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
4500.00	Donations on behalf of Province:	2,250.00		1,000.00	3,250.00
1135.52	Transfer to Lodge Relief Chest	849.50			849.50
0.00	PGM Discretionary Fund				0.00
1150.00	Mark Emergency Fund Ukraine Appeal				
	Transfer to Provincial Relief Chest				
0.00	Donation to Brother in Distress				
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£6,785.52		3,099.50	0.00	1,000.00	4,099.50
£273.67	Excess of Expenditure over Income				
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year:	5,298.63	0.00	819.83	6,118.46

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2023.

43182.53	<u>General Funds:</u> 1st September, 2022:	44,406.26			
1223.73	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	5,298.63			
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44406.26				49,704.89	
2820.77	<u>Restricted Funds:</u> 1st September, 2022:	1,685.25			
-1135.52	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	0.00			
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1685.25				1,685.25	
3828.45	Relief Chest 1st September, 2022	2678.45			
-1150.00	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	819.83			
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2678.45				3,498.28	
25774.51	<u>Cash at Bank:</u> Current Account:	31,073.14			
20317.00	COIF Deposit Account:	20,317.00			
2678.45	Relief Chest:	3,498.28			
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				54,888.42	
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48769.96			£	54,888.42	£ 54,888.42
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Auditors:

M I Bennett FCA.



G J Weeks



Charity Steward  
22nd October 2023

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# Accounts

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## Gloucester & Herefordshire Mark Charity.

A meeting of The Trustees was held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 2.00pm.  
**Held virtually via Zoom**

### **PRESENT**

RW Bro FJ Gillo - PGM
RW Bro JOB Barke - PPrGM
W Bro JP Wake
W Bro MT Holland
W.Bro R Pike - Treasurer
W Bro D J Hedley - Charity Steward
W Bro B P Gargett - DepPGM

### **APOLOGIES.**

Not Applicable as all Trustees were present.

The Provincial Grand Master welcomed all the Trustees to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and advised that this would be his last meeting as chairman due to his imminent retirement as PGM. He welcomed W Bro B P Garrett, Deputy Provincial Grand Master as an observer, who, subject to agreement by the Trustees, will succeed him following Provincial Grand Lodge.

**1. Minutes:** The minutes of the last trustees meeting held via Zoom on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 having been circulated to all Trustees prior to the meeting, the PGM, RW.Bro J F Gillo asked if there were any amendments or observations regarding their accuracy. There being none, W Bro J P Wake proposed the adoption of the minutes as presented by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, this was seconded by RW.Bro J O B Barke, the minutes were approved by the Trustees and will be signed by the PGM, RW.Bro F J Gillo on the first occasion available.

**2. Matter Arising:** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward confirmed that the £1000.00 had been donated to Mark Province of Surrey for the MBF 2022 Festival as per the agreement at the previous meeting. He asked if there was any update regarding the potential support for the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Tewkesbury Abbey. RW.Bro J O B Barke advised he had been in touch with the Dean, but had received no response, other than the Abbey would look in to how we may help. The Trustees agreed to withdraw the proposal, however, it was also agreed to have a contingency sum of £2000 available in case contact is received in the future.

**4. Provincial Charity Accounts.** The Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 having been audited and circulated to all trustees, the PGM, RW.Bro J F Gillo enquired if there were any questions or need for clarification regarding their accuracy. W Bro M T Holland proposed the adoption of the accounts as presented by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, this was seconded by RW.Bro J O B Barke and the accounts were approved by the Trustees

**5. Provincial Relief Chest.** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward advised that the money held in the Provincial Relief Chest amounted to £2,492,99

**6. Statement of Provincial Charity Funds** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward provided a statement as to the current funds available for disbursement as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

- Funds held in G&H Mark Charity Account CIO £21,709.91
- Funds held for Lodges in above CIO, £2,423.96
- Funds held in the MCF Relief Chest £2,492.99
- Funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund £20,317.00

Total Funds available for disbursement from all funding streams **£42,095.94**

**7. Match Funding** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward had requested, that the idea of Match Funding Lodges donations be considered in the light of a recent request from the Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge, which the Trustees agreed to match fund. He commented that the majority of the donations over the past number of years had been relatively large to support agreed projects. He felt that to encourage the Brethren and Lodges to support the G&H Mark Charity more effectively and consistently it would be worth considering a match funding element to our donations. Following discussion on the matter, RW.Bro F J Gillo requested that the Provincial Grand Charity Steward prepare a paper for the Trustees to consider.

**8. Trustees Term of Office.** RW.Bro F J Gillo had requested this item on the agenda, in light of his pending retirement as PGM. He asked if any of the current Trustees wished to stand down. Following some deliberation, it was agreed that all current trustees would remain in post and that W Bro B P Gargett be invited to join following his appointment as PGM in May 2022. W Bro M T Holland proposed a vote of thanks from the Trustees, to RW.Bro F J Gillo, for all his dedicated work on behalf the G&H Mark Charity for a number of years, which was unanimously acquiesced by all the Trustees. RW. Bro J F Gillo thanked the Trustees and commented how much he had enjoyed his role of Chairman and the support of the Trustees during his tenure.

**9. Set & Forget.** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward put forward the idea of an initiative to encourage regular giving by the Brethren. Following a recent review and report to the Trustees of the regular giving over the past 5 years, it was notable that this has decreased very sharply as we have lost senior and long serving brethren to the Grand Lodge above. This has not been helped by the Covid Pandemic and all its ramifications, but also a lack of information regarding regular charitable donations. He advised that he has been looking at a simpler and more effective way of donating which spreads the cost and which, hopefully, means a lot less work for the Lodge Charity Steward. There has been some confusion about the various ways in which funds can be donated and he has been trying to find the simplest and most effective way for Brethren to donate. We have a voluntary agreement that each Lodge makes an annual donation, either from a raffle or collection. Unfortunately, not every Lodge does so. It is therefore necessary, for the benefit and long-term sustainability of the Charity, to try to encourage regular giving from the brethren of the Province. "**Set and Forget**" is devised to encourage brethren to **set** up a regular payment straight to our own Relief Chest of £5.00 per month (or more or less if desired and dependent on financial constraints,) and then to **forget** about having to find lump sums again in the future. The key is regular giving without having to remember and which limits the impact on personal finances but has a real benefit to the G&H Mark Charity. It is a safe and efficient way for brethren to give a fixed sum over an indefinite period and which they have the absolute right to cancel at any time and it naturally ceases on the death of the donor. For the Lodge Charity Steward it means a great reduction in workload in having to continually encourage members to dig deep. Instead of him collecting, collating and sending lumps sums he will be provided with a list of the donations made by the members of his Lodge and the gift aid claimed. Following discussion on the matter, RW.Bro J O B Barke proposed and W Bro J P Wake seconded that the idea be adopted. RW.Bro F J Gillo requested that the Provincial Grand Charity Steward prepare a paper for the Trustees to consider in detail.

**10. Propositions.** RW.Bro J F Gillo proposed and W.Bro M T Holland seconded that **£1,000** be donated to the MBF 2023 Festival appeal for the Mark Province of West Yorkshire. This was carried unanimously by the trustees. The Provincial Grand Charity Steward proposed that a donation of **£1000.00** be donated to the Mark Emergency Fund for its efforts in support of the Ukrainian Refugees, this was seconded by W Bro M T Holland and agreed unanimously by the Trustees.

**11. AOB.**

The PGM advised, that the money donated from his discretionary fund to Romania for their efforts in supporting the Ukrainian refugees crossing the border, had been returned due to the information regarding the account not been completely accurate. He advised that he was seeking assistance from Mark Masons Hall regarding donating to Romania.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be arranged following receipt of the Provincial Grand Charity Stewards papers. There being no further business to be considered by the trustees, the meeting was closed at 14.45pm

Signed .....  
**Provincial Grand Master.**

Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire.

Charity Account CIO.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st August, 2022.

<u>2021</u>	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Relief Chest</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	
543.00	Regular Donations:	603.00		50.00	653.00
542.36	Tax Reclaimed:	473.32	0.00	245.23	718.55
2250.00	Provincial Grand Lodge 400 Club:	0.00			0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous	10.00		87.00	97.00
2749.80	Lodge Donations:	4,569.00			4,569.00
3.07	Interest Received:	68.41		2.33	70.74
	Gift Aid			950.90	950.90
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6088.23		5,723.73	0.00	1,335.46	7,059.19
	<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
1000.00	Donations on behalf of Province:	4,500.00			4,500.00
4954.88	Transfer to Lodge Relief Chests		1,135.52		1,135.52
895.94	PGM Discretionary Fund				
	Mark Emergency Fund Ukraine Appael			1,150.00	1,150.00
200.00	Donation to Brother in Distress				
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£7,050.82		4,500.00	1,135.52	1,150.00	6,785.52
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£962.59	Excess of Expenditure over Income				273.67
	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year:				

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2022.

37294.30	<u>General Funds:</u> 1st September, 2021:	43,182.53			
5888.23	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	5,723.73			
		<u>-4,500.00</u>		44,406.26	
12164.58	<u>Restricted Funds:</u> 1st September, 2021:	5,313.76			
-6850.82	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	-1,135.52			
		<u>1335.46</u>		4,178.24	
	Relief Chest	1335.46			
	Excess of income over expenditure for the year	-1133.52		185.46	
25686.30	<u>Cash at Bank:</u> Current Account:	25,774.51			
20317.00	COIF Deposit Account:	20,317.00			
2492.99	Relief Chest:	2,678.45			
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				48,769.96	
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	<u>Debtor:</u> Gift Aid:				
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48496.29		£		48,769.96	£ 48,769.96
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We have examined the above Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet of the Charity Account CIO of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire for the Year ended 31st August 2022, and in our view they have been prepared in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward and comply with the regulations laid down in the Charity Acts.



Auditors:

M I Bennett FCCA.



G J Weeks



Charity Steward  
17th October 2022

**G&H MARK CHARITY**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172516

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# Accounts

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## Gloucester & Herefordshire Mark Charity.

A meeting of The Trustees was held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 10.00am.  
**Due to the Corona virus pandemic restrictions, this was held virtually via Zoom**

### PRESENT

RW Bro FJ Gillo - PGM
RW Bro JOB Barke - PPrGM
W Bro JP Wake
W Bro MT Holland
W.Bro R Pike
W Bro D J Hedley – Charity Steward

### APOLOGIES.

Not Applicable as all Trustees were present.

The Provincial Grand Master welcomed all the Trustees to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance, albeit in the virtual Zoom format due to continued Covid 19 restrictions regarding physical meetings. He welcomed W.Bro R Pike as an ex officio member having succeeded the late W.Bro DH Duggan.

**1. Minutes:** The minutes of the last trustees meeting held via Zoom on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 having been circulated to all Trustees prior to the meeting, the PGM, R.W.Bro JF Gillo enquired if there were any amendments or observations regarding their accuracy. There being none, R.W.Bro JOB Barke proposed the adoption of the minutes as presented by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, this was seconded by W.Bro MT Holland, the minutes were approved by the Trustees and will be signed by the PGM, R.W.Bro FJ Gillo at the first opportunity, once the current lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

**2. Matter Arising:** There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda for the meeting.

**3. MCF Provincial Relief Chest.** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward confirmed that the MCF Relief Chest currently held funds in the account to the value of £4,369.29.

**4. Provincial Charity Accounts.** The Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 having been audited and circulated to all trustees, the PGM, R.W.Bro JF Gillo questioned if there were any questions or need for clarification regarding their accuracy. W.Bro MT Holland proposed the adoption of the accounts as presented by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward, this was seconded by R.W.Bro JOB Barke and the accounts were approved by the Trustees

**5. Provincial Relief Chest.** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward advised that the money held in the Provincial Relief Chest amounted to £2, 490, 04

**6. Provincial Charity Funds** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward provided a statement as to the current funds available for disbursement as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

- Funds held in G&H Mark Charity Account CIO £27,157.50
- Funds held for Lodges in above £7,271.98
- Funds held in the MCF Relief Chest £2,490.04
- Funds held in the COIF Charities Deposit Fund £20,317.00

Total Funds available for disbursement from all funding streams **£42,692.56**

**7. Keystone 400 Club.** The Provincial Grand Charity Steward reported that W.Bro T Tudge had advised that the income into the 400 Club was down £750 compared to previous years due to the Lodges not meeting due to current restrictions. This would limit any potential gift to the Provincial Charity. W.Bro MT Holland suggested that it may be of assistance if a request was sent to the Lodges to solicit support. The PGM advised that this had been done already, but we are in the hands of the Lodge Secretaries and 400 Club Representatives. The Provincial Grand Charity Steward was requested to discuss a possible reminder to the Brethren by W.Bro T Tudge.

**8. 2022 MBF Festival.** R.W.Bro JOB Barke proposed and W.Bro J Wake seconded that **£1,000** be donated to the MBF 2022 Festival appeal for the Mark Province of Surrey. This was carried unanimously by the trustees.

**9. Accounts Auditors.** The Trustees discussed the position of Account Auditors and agreed that following the passing of W.Bro DH Duggan, the move of house of W.Bro AST Body and the workload of W.Bro SF Smith that the auditors should be changed to W.Bros G Weeks and MI Bennett. This was agreed by the Trustees and the Provincial Grand Charity Steward was charged to seek the agreement of both individuals to undertake the roles.

**10. Propositions.** The Trustees having taking in to consideration the Financial Statement provided by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward and following a discussion, the PGM proposed and RW Bro JOB Barke seconded, that no donations be considered at this time and until we are able to meet again physically. This was carried unanimously by the trustees.

The PGM raised the potential support for the 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Tewkesbury Abbey and requested R.W. Bro JOB Barke to make enquiries with the Abbey as to what would be a tangible donation i.e. an item of furniture or similar He further advised that National Star hope to have a future request considered by the MBF.

**11. AOB.**

There was no other business to be discussed.

**Date of Next Meeting.**

**Provisional**, Friday 23rd April 2021 10.00am, Masonic Hall, The Hill, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 4EP

There being no further business to be considered by the trustees, the meeting was closed at 10.38am.

Signed .....  
**Provincial Grand Master.**



Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire.  
Charity Account CIO.

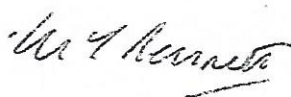
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st August, 2021.

<u>2020</u>	<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>		
0.00	Alms Collections:		0.00	0.00	
773.00	Regular Donations:	543.00		543.00	
0.00	Tax Reclaimed:	542.36	0.00	542.36	
1750.00	Provincial Grand Lodge 400 Club:	2,250.00		2,250.00	
0.00	Provincial Grand Lodge Collections:	0.00		0.00	
7204.18	Lodge Donations:	2,749.80		2,749.80	
190.23	Interest Received:	3.07		3.07	
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9917.41		6,088.23	0.00	6,088.23	
	<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
1894.80	Happy Days Childrens Charity	0.00		0.00	
0.00	St John Ambulance	0.00		0.00	
10000.00	National Star College:	0.00		0.00	
0.00	Donation to Brother in distress	200.00		200.00	
500.00	Brockworth House	0.00		0.00	
1000.00	Soldiers of Glos Museum	0.00		0.00	
1000.00	Asthma Charity	0.00		0.00	
0.00	Mark Benevolent Fund (Incl Collarettes & Jewels)	0.00		0.00	
0.00	PGM Discretionary Fund		895.94	895.94	
1000.00	Donations to other Provinces Festivals:	0.00		0.00	
3180.00	Donations on behalf of Lodges:		1,000.00	1,000.00	
984.12	Transfer to Lodge Relief Chests		4,954.88	4,954.88	
0.00	Sundry & Administration Costs:	0.00		0.00	
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19,559		200.00	6,850.82	7,050.82	
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-9,642	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year:	5,888.23	-6,850.82		-962.59

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 2021.

42771.71	<u>General Funds:</u> 1st September, 2020:	37,294.30			
-5477.39	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	5,888.23			
			43,182.53		
16328.70	<u>Restricted Funds:</u> 1st September, 2020:	12,164.58			
-4164.12	Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	-6,850.82			
			5,313.76		
26196.19	<u>Cash at Bank:</u> Current Account:	25,686.30			
20317.00	COIF Deposit Account:	20,317.00			
2490.04	Relief Chest:	2,492.99			
				48,496.29	
455.67	<u>Debtor:</u> Gift Aid:				
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49458.90				£ 48,496.29	£ 48,496.29

We have examined the above Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet of the Charity Account CIO of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire for the Year ended 31st August 2021, and in our view they have been prepared in accordance with the books and records maintained by the Provincial Grand Charity Steward and comply with the regulations laid down in the Charity Acts.







Auditors:

M I Bennett FCCA.

R W J Pike

Charity Steward  
18th October 2021