



### **Master Masons Attending Quarterly Communications**

Dear Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Secretary,

Master Masons (who are not qualified under Rule 5 and 9 of the Book of Constitutions to attend the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge) may apply for a ticket to attend the June, September and December regular meetings of Grand Lodge.

In order to do so they should contact their Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Secretary who then applies to Grand Lodge for a ticket on their behalf.

This is done by the Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Secretary sending an excel sheet, a couple of weeks before the corresponding meeting, of those Master Masons from his area wishing to attend with each Brother's full name, email address and Grand Lodge Reference Number.

The Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Secretary by this means vouches that the applicant is a Subscribing English Constitution Master Mason in possession of his Certificate and confirms each Brother's Email.

About a week before the meeting concerned Grand Lodge will send via email an electronic Master Mason's Ticket to those Brothers for whom tickets have been requested.

We usually have up to 400 seats allocated for Master Mason and have never failed to supply a ticket due to demand. The usual attendance of Master Masons is under 100 and we are able issue tickets up to two days before the meeting, if a latecomer needs to be included.

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Michael Correa  
Secretariat  
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# A VERY MASONIC *Christmas*

An exclusive opportunity for all lodges to  
send their Christmas cards using the official  
Tercentenary stamps

All your Christmas Post can be sent using the official Tercentenary stamps,  
benefiting the Masonic Charitable Foundation and your lodge. Every  
envelope will be postmarked with a special Masonic postmark.



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& COINS  
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# The Tercentenary Stamps



Our stamps were designed by Freemason Ben Glazier and his company Glazier Design. Ben says "We wanted to create something of true beauty that would appeal to every Mason, but also to every person who sees the stamps. It was important to us that the stamps were respectful in every way of the traditions of our craft and represented the amazing charitable works Freemasonry accomplishes every year. It was an incredible honour to work with Grand Lodge and the Isle of Man Post Office on this project".

## Available for all post, five percent of postage paid to the MCF

More than 1.5 million post items have used the Tercentenary stamps so far, spreading awareness of our charitable aims. We know that your brethren, friends and families will enjoy receiving them; however the great majority of those letters have been non-Masonic mail - general post from the Isle of Man to every corner of the world. If you would like to send non-Lodge mail using these stamps, the same offer is available for all your post and the MCF will benefit by receiving five percent of the postage paid. Just follow the same instructions or contact our mailing services division for larger mailings.

# How to use the official Tercentenary stamps

We are delighted to offer every lodge the opportunity to send their Christmas cards using these beautiful stamps, created in a partnership between Grand Lodge and the Isle of Man Post Office.

Your Christmas cards will be individually postmarked by the Isle of Man Post Office using a special Grand Lodge postmark. It couldn't be easier and by using these stamps, you will raise money for the Masonic Charitable Foundation, and get cheaper postage for your Lodge.

## It's so easy!

### 1 Sign, seal and address your cards

Address them clearly, seal them and place them in a secure packet that won't open in the postal system, enclosing your customer number, order number and a copy of your payment receipt if possible (see item 2 below)

### 2 Pay the postage online or by cheque

Pay easily online at [www.iompost.com/freemasonchristmascards](http://www.iompost.com/freemasonchristmascards), or Make a cheque out, payable to Isle of Man Stamps and Coins. 52pp per UK address, 83p for Europe, £1.40 anywhere else (up to A5 size only). Print off your receipt and enclose it with your envelopes.

### 3 Send your cards to:

Freepost 1158, Isle of Man Stamps and Coins  
PO Box10, Isle of Man Post Office, Douglas, IM87 6BZ  
Make sure the packet is secure and show a return address.  
Enclose your cheque or a copy of your online order confirmation.

**IMPORTANT** You must get proof of postage and a tracking number when you send them so that we can address any queries.

Cards for UK delivery will need to be received no later than 14th December 2018. European and International delivery will need to be received earlier. Visit [iompost.com/freemasonschristmascards](http://iompost.com/freemasonschristmascards) for full details.



# The story behind the stamps



There are many layers to these stamps; you will find discreet GPS references to six important masonic locations, but also to the three Air Ambulance bases in London, Wales and Thames Valley. There is a ribbon of the letters HRHDOKGM50 around the edge to honour the 50th year of service of the Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent. There are the names of six lodges and only visible only under UV light, the Tercentenary Logo glows in light blue. The stamps have been designed to be respectful, symbolic, as well as beautiful pieces of art in their own right.

Our first stamp bears the badge of office of the Steward on a background of geometric patterns. His jewel represents a Cornucopia or 'Horn of Plenty'. It is a symbol of abundance and plenty - to remind him that it is his duty to see that the tables are properly furnished at refreshment.

Our second stamp bears the Inner Guard's jewel, two swords in saltire on a background of art deco starred lines. The sword is also the jewel of the Outer Guard or Tyler, and symbolically enables these officers to "keep off all intruders and cowans to Freemasonry, and suffer none to pass but such as are duly qualified."

Our third stamp bears the jewel of the Junior and Senior Deacons, a dove bearing an olive branch

on a background of a great light surrounded by other lights, from the ceiling of Grand Lodge. The dove symbolises a faithful messenger, and dates back to the story of Noah in 'Genesis'.

Our fourth stamp bears the jewel of the Junior Warden, a plumb rule, which symbolises moral uprightness and integrity, on an art deco inspired pattern. The plumb rule denotes the connection of Heaven and Earth and teaches us to walk in a righteous manner, and maintain a straight and undeviating line along the paths of virtue.

Our fifth stamp bears the jewel of the Senior Warden, a level, which symbolises equality, on a background inspired by the windows of Freemason's Hall in the Isle of Man. The level was used by ancient civilisations as a symbol of equality and justice - it was given to represent Magistrates within the guild system.

Our sixth stamp bears the jewel of the Worshipful Master, the Square, on a background of overlaid right angles. The square symbolises morality. It is an angle of ninety degrees or the fourth part of a circle, and is the symbol of regulated life and actions.



Dr Gareth Davies of London's Air Ambulance with the Tercentenary Stamps

# Perfect Christmas Presents



## The Official Tercentenary Stamps

The Isle of Man Post Office is honoured to present this official Tercentenary range of stamps and supporting products marking three hundred years of the United Grand Lodge of England. We have been privileged to work with Grand Lodge to achieve this beautiful recognition of such an important landmark and we are delighted that pieces of post have been sent to every corner of the world bearing these stamps.

The range includes limited edition products comprising of; the stunning Royal Mail Smiler Sheet and a Printer's Pane. You and your lodge can view and buy any of the products on our web site.

[www.iompost.com/freemasonchristmascards](http://www.iompost.com/freemasonchristmascards)



## BROTHERS IN ALMS



### PEACE THROUGH SACRIFICE

This exhibition spans a period from the Second Boer War through to the Second World War. It features those who were active in the First World War and who were in many cases also active in either the former and the latter conflict.

You can view the exhibition in the Processional Corridor, the Past Grand Officers Robing Room and the corridor leading to the Library and Museum. The catalogue takes you through all the pictures and captions in the show and inserted at the back is the list of all the Freemasons featured in the photographs.

You may wish to take the opportunity to invite or inform members of your Province or Lodge and their families to visit the exhibition. You will appreciate that the areas housing the exhibition are also used on occasions for Masonic or external events, so you will need to book a time when visits can be made. Keith Gilbert will be coordinating visits and he will find a date suitable for you when the space is available.

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