



Grand Secretary's Office  
Mark Masons' Hall  
86 St James's Street, London, SW1A 1PL

12 August 2024

**To: District Grand Prefects  
Members of the Executive Committee  
District Grand Secretaries for circulation to individual Councils  
Secretaries of Unattached Councils**

Dear Sir and Brother

**Michael Edward Herbert**

It is with much sadness that I have to inform you that our well-beloved Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Michael Edward Herbert, passed to his rest on Sunday afternoon at the age of 91.

M.W.Bro. Michael was a distinguished Freemason holding high office in Craft, Holy Royal Arch and the Ancient & Accepted Rite as well as the Orders administered from Mark Masons' Hall, being awarded The Grand Master's Order of Service to Masonry by the Craft in June 2023.

He served as Grand Master of this Order between 1996 and 2011; Grand Master of the Knights Beneficent of the Holy City between 2011 and 2022; Provincial Grand Master for the Mark Province of Leicestershire and Rutland from 1995 to 2005 and Deputy Grand Master from 2011 to 2013. He was also the Deputy Grand Supreme Ruler of the Order of the Secret Monitor from 1996 to 1997 and Deputy Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters from 2005 to 2006.

One of life's true gentlemen, he also had a keen eye for detail in Masonic ceremonies and was an excellent ritualist. From his working life he brought with him a tremendous ability to remember people's names, not just Masons but their wives, partners and families.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Nancy and his family.

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*IMPORTANT NOTE:* in consequence of M.W.Bro. Michael's passing, all Councils are required to issue the summons for their next regular meeting with a black border while Brethren are requested to wear a plain black tie in preference to the tie of the Order. An 'In Memoriam' item should appear on the agenda immediately after the Council has opened. An 'In Memoriam' item should appear on the agenda immediately after the Council has opened.

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Councils of which M.W.Bro. Michael was a Member or Honorary Member should enter a period of mourning for the following three months. The summons for each such Council meeting being issued with a black border and the dress code, detailed above, observed.

With fraternal regards and best wishes.

*D.M. Heath*

V.W.Bro. Daniel M Heath, P.G.Reg.  
Grand Secretary