



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Province of Cornwall



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**Dear Bro Charity Steward, Secretary and Brethren of the Province of Cornwall**

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, M W Bro Richard Victor Wallis announced that a charity fund raising walk hosted by the MBF, was to be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Cornwall is proud to be supporting the walk, our walk team will be headed by our Provincial Grand Master R W Bro Kevin Hicks, he will be accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Peter Johns, Mrs Carole Johns, W Bro Simon Trevains and Mrs Denise Trevains. Whilst on this occasion, these Cornish Men and Ladies will not amount to the twenty thousand of our ancestors who marched on London, we look forward to this exciting opportunity to raise much needed funds for the MBF, and to join with members from other Provinces in the process.

It is hoped that Lodges and individuals from across our Province, will feel able to support the walk team and the MBF by sponsoring the team as they represent our Province in raising much needed funds for the MBF. There are a number of ways in which you can sponsor the team, either by visiting the walk website at [www.mbfwalk.org.uk](http://www.mbfwalk.org.uk) using the donate tab at top of the page, then using the drop down menu to select "Provinces" then "Cornwall", Gift Aid relief can also be applied, you can also donate via your Lodge Charity Steward. Any donations made either by Lodges or individuals will count towards personal or Lodge MBF Collarets, a form has been supplied to your Lodge Charity Steward, who will collate the necessary information on behalf of the Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

We will be sending out regular updates in the weeks leading up to the walk and on the day via our Provincial Facebook Page @PGLMMMCornwall, so please "like" our page to get our updates.

Should you require any further information, please contact your Lodge Charity Steward, Secretary or our walk liaison W Bro Simon Trevains whose details are overleaf.



The Mark Charity Walk follows the route of “The Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Walk”. The walk takes participants through four of the most beautiful parks in the world:

- St James's Park
- Green Park
- Hyde Park
- Kensington Gardens

Starting and finishing at Mark Masons’ Hall, 86 St James’s Street, each participant completing the course would have travelled a seven-mile-long walk, charted by 90 plaques set in the ground; they will pass within sight of many famous buildings and locations associated with the Princess during her life.

The founding principle of the Mark Benevolent Fund was to provide relief to Mark Masons and their dependents quickly – he gives twice who gives promptly.

That aim is as relevant today as it was almost 150 years ago when the Fund was established and as Mark Masons we can feel justly proud of a Fund that has contributed over £19 million pounds to worthy causes over that time.

In recent times we have witnessed the Fund providing significant financial support to the R.N.L.I. and Hope for Tomorrow among others and as we approach the Sesqui-Centenary of the Fund our thoughts must undoubtedly turn to the next major initiative that the Fund can support.

The Mark Charity Walk seeks to involve representatives from every UK Province in a sponsored walk which, it is hoped, will raise in the region of £100,000. If achieved, this will be a fantastic boost to fund raising efforts for the next major worthy cause the Fund chooses to support. It’s a little early to say what our next major project will be but you can rest assured that it will impact local communities across the country.

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Yours sincerely and fraternally  
for and on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master  
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