



Welcome to your news and information update for the progressive/companion Orders of Freemasonry administered from Mark Masons' Hall, 86 St James's.

This bulletin is emailed to all 'leaders' in the Provinces, Districts & Divisions and their Secretariats.

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This newsletter is on the Mark Masons' Hall website latest news section - the front page - on this link >>>

Updated guidance on reducing the risk of infection with the coronavirus (COVID-19)

In response to the changing situation relating to the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Grand Secretary has reviewed the guidance given to all MMH Units in the joint statement issued with UGLE and the Ancient & Accepted Rite last week and updated it. Please read the briefing **on this link** carefully and note the guidance to members in the higher risk categories; the option to postpone planned meetings or abandon them if there is an insufficient attendance; and the requirement from next Monday not to hold any meetings where more than 100 people may attend.

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Dates for your diary - all are subject to cancellation/postponement.

Please check with event organisers before making plans to attend.

Saturday 14 March 11am - OSM Installation of new PGSR of Province of Gloucestershire & Herefordshire - Bingham Hall, Cirencester

Monday 16 March - Mark Centenary of Cloughton Lodge No.705 - Birkenhead

Tuesday 17 March - St Patrick's Day

Friday 20 March - Red Cross of Constantine Consecration of Metropolitan Conclave No.533 - Mark Masons' Hall

Saturday 21 March - AMD Installation of new District Grand Prefect, Sussex - Brighton **POSTPONED**

Tuesday 14 April - Mark Installation of new Prov. G.M. (Sussex), V.W.Bro. Roger Francis Richardson, P.G.J.O. - Brighton

Tuesday 14 April - Mark Centenary of Lancastrians Lodge No. 689 - Manchester

Saturday 18 April - Scarlet Cord Provincial Grand Senatus Cheshire & North Wales, Investiture of new Provincial Grand Summus - Christleton

Monday 20 April - AMD Centenary of Commemoration Lodge No.39 - Macclesfield

Tuesday 21 April 12:30pm - Royal & Select Masters Grand Council - Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

Thursday 23 April - OSM Consecration of Luminatus Conclave No.632 - MMH

Thursday 23 April - Scarlet Cord Consecration of Luminatus Consistory No.136 - MMH

Thursday 23 April - St George's Day

Monday 27 April - Scarlet Cord Consecration of Stretton Hills Consistory - Masonic Hall, Wolverhampton

Tuesday 5 May - Knights Templar Provincial Priory North & East Yorkshire Installation of new Provincial Prior - York

Wednesday 6 May - Scarlet Cord conferral of 4th and 5th Grades - MMH

Thursday 7 May 12:30pm - Scarlet Cord Grand Senatus - MMH

Wednesday 13 May - Royal Ark Mariner Centenary Nottingham Lodge No.344 - Nottingham

Thursday 14 May - Mark Sesquicentenary Keystone Lodge No.107 - MMH

Wednesday 20 May 12:30pm - Knights Templar Great Priory - Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

Morton 10th June 1884

Received of the Grand Lodge of Mark
Master Masons. the sum of Twenty
Five pounds. for which I agree to
surrender the whole of the documents
warrants and authorities connected
with the so called Grand Lodge
of Royal Ark Mariners. and
hereby acknowledge this sum to be
a sum paid in full of all demands
and I hereby surrender to the Grand
Lodge of Mark Master Masons
all power or authority in me vested,
or supposed to be vested, by virtue
of my position as Grand Commander
of the above said Grand Lodge of Ark
Mariners, or by virtue of said warrants.

£25.0.0.
Morton Edwards

.... which was the princely sum paid by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to Morton Edwards. Quite what right or authority, as 'Grand Commander', he believed he had to sell the Order, is dubious to say the least.

You can find out more about Morton Edwards, on [this link](#) to the flyer about the sculptor and the Ancient & Honourable Fraternity of Royal Ark Mariner.

The following is [a link](#) to the article about the Order in the latest edition of *Freemasonry Today*.

Pushing the boat out in the north-east corner



Pictured are R.III. Comp. John Harvey DGM Northumberland Royal and Select Masters, M.W. Bro. Thomas Firth Jackson Grand Master, Adrian Don RNLI and R.W.Bro. Danny Guy DGP Northumberland & Durham

At the AMD Northumberland & Durham District meeting on 7 March the Grand Master presented a cheque for £1500 to Tynemouth RNLI on behalf of the Brethren of the District of Northumberland & Durham and the District Grand Council of Northumberland Royal and Select Masters. The funds were the proceeds of a bottle draw at the annual Croft dinner at Tynemouth Golf Club.

Adrian Don, the Press Officer, accepted the cheque on behalf of the RNLI and expressed his appreciation of the brethren's generosity. The donation will help towards the target of £2.5 million pounds for a new lifeboat.

New Scarlet Cord Province - Hampshire & the Three Islands



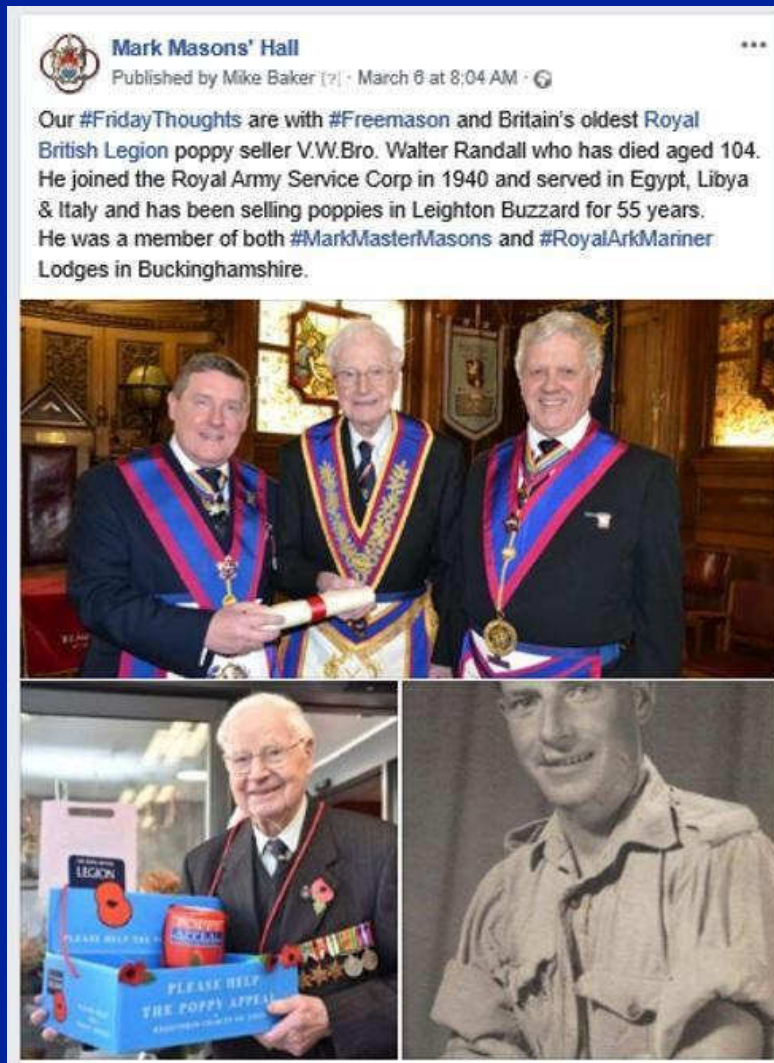
The venue was the stunningly beautiful village of Botley (home of the famous journalist and radical politician William Cobbett, who described the village as the most delightful in the world). The occasion was the formation of the 'new' Province of Hampshire, Isle of Wight and the Channel Islands. Presiding, as ever, was Grand Summus, M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans with his trusty Tzaddikim (occupying the back row of the photo below).



Front row left to right: R.Dist.Comp. Ryan Williams (Grand Recorder), Dist.Comp. Ken Rondel, R.Dist.Comp. Ian Campbell (Prov. Grand Summus), M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans (Grand Summus), V.Dist.Comp. Richard Batchelor (Deputy Prov. Grand Summus) and R.Dist.Comp. Trevor Currans (P.G. Vice Chan.)

Facebook Post of the Week

And a fitting tribute to a truly great man and Freemason.



The image below is a typical example of the deep affection with which V.W. Bro. Walter Randall was held.



Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Meeting and Charity Parade



There wasn't a power cut at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, rather representatives from Lifelites and several of the children's hospices supported by the MBF, lighting their way with symbolic lanterns.

Please click on [this link](#) for the special Charity Parade booklet.

Presiding at the meeting was Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. John Prizeman, with Assistant Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Stephen Davison and R.W. Bro. Gordon Craigs (Prov.G.M. Northumberland) alongside.

Click on [this link](#) for a copy of the Deputy GM's address.

Please click on [this link](#) for an album of photos taken at the meeting

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#Tweet of the Week



A very popular piece about a Grand Master installing a President, who appropriately happens to be the eponymous Lewis Clement.

Some Provincial Level Dates for your Diary

Saturday 14 March - Kent Red Cross of Constantine Divisional Conclave meeting - contact Malcolm Smith, Divisional Recorder, malcolm.smith737@ntlworld.com for full details

Monday 16 March - OSM Province of Suffolk Annual Conclave at the Masonic Centre, Ashlar House, 23 Eastern Way, Bury St. Edmunds

Saturday 21 March 11.30am - Provincial Grand Senatus of Middlesex at the Harrow District Masonic Centre, Kenton, Harrow

Saturday 21 March 10.45am - Mark Province of Surrey Annual Meeting at Croydon Masonic Centre - click on [the following link >>> for the Calling Notice](#)

Saturday 28 March 11am - Annual meeting of the District of Surrey Royal and Select Masters at the Croydon t Masonic Centre

Saturday 4 April - Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire AMD District Grand Council at the Metropolitan Police sports club in Bushey

Saturday 2 May - Provincial Priory of Lancashire Knights Templar AGM at Park Hall Hotel, Park Hall Road, Charnock Richard, Nr. Chorley - Mike Beesley, Provincial Chancellor mike_beesley@btinternet.com

If you have 'Provincial' meetings you'd like to promote please send details to us at communications@mmh.org.uk



#Friday Feeling

It's good to feel liked and followed - Mark Masons' Hall and our Grand Secretary are no exception. One of the very powerful ways of building awareness and consideration towards our ten Orders is to establish a presence on social media - Facebook and Twitter are a good start - and to have that conversation with your members and potential candidates. We would also like to share our appreciation of the great work you are all doing - **please email us on** communications@mmh.org.uk with your Facebook and Twitter details. This will ensure that we like, share, follow and retweet in return - all emails will be acknowledged.

Thank you.

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Progressive Freemasonry on the Move

Check out the [_Mark Masons' Hall Team App_](#), which is ready and waiting to be filled with useful information - it's what smart phones were made for.

Content posted so far includes:

- all News from Freemasonry@86 bulletins
- key events and booking details (where available)
- Social Media Guidelines and Best Practice
- TeamApp User Guide

What would you like to see included? Let us know on communications@mmh.org.uk

[Check out the TeamApp User Guide on this link >>>](#)