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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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Dates for your diary

Sunday 1 March - St David's Day

Monday 2 March - Royal Ark Mariner Centenary of Moseley Lodge No.667 - King's Heath, Birmingham

Friday 6 March - Mark Consecration Collegia Fabrorum Lodge - Mark Masons' Hall

Saturday 7 March - AMD Northumberland & Durham Annual District Meeting - Gateshead

Saturday 7 March - Scarlet Cord Reconstitution of Province of Hampshire/Isle of Wight & The Channel Islands - Botley

Tuesday 10 March 2pm - Mark Grand Lodge Communication - Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London

Thursday 12 March - Mark Sequicentenary of Roberts Lodge No.24TI - Rochdale

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 in Brighton Installation of new District Grand Prefect, Sussex - Brighton

Monday 6 April - Red Cross of Constantine Sesquicentenary of Gwent Conclave No.23 in Pontypool

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

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

Saturday 18 April - Scarlet Cord Provincial Grand Senatus Cheshire & North Wales, venue TBC

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

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

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

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

Thursday 23 April - St George's Day

The Summons and Minutes of the previous meeting for the March Communication of Mark Grand Lodge is available on this link >>>

Kindness - "simple acts (which) can make such a great difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves"



When the Pro Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Raymond Smith, spoke about one of our defining principles, 'kindness', at the Royal Ark Mariner Grand Assembly, actions such as the invaluable work in the community given by the Knowle Masonic Centre, was exactly what he had in mind. Not least of all, as he knows first hand how important a life line it can be to vulnerable families.

The support is given to a local food bank by the Knowle Masonic Centre, where the number of people using this resource remains high, with nearly 3,000 people, including 1,000 children under age 16, receiving support since April 2019. Aston & Nechells Foodbank are giving out 2 tonnes of long life food each month.

Please click on [the following link](#) for a letter of thanks from Rev. Duncan Hill-Brown.

Mark Provincial Grand Master auditions for new Star Wars film



In January members of the Surrey Mark Provincial Executive attended a Lifelites presentation at Christopher's Children's Hospice in Guildford. The Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Ian Clark, presented a cheque for £7,291 on behalf of the Mark Benevolent Fund in partnership with Lifelites. The charity aims to harness the power of technology by donating a wide variety of assistive and inclusive equipment to enhance the lives of terminally ill and disabled children using hospice services. For these children with complex cognitive and physical impairments, this technology is quite simply magical. It gives them opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have to join in with the world around them, irrespective of their disabilities.

The technology and services that Lifelites provides changes children's lives. It gives youngsters in hospices the opportunity to do so many things that they never thought possible, such as painting a picture, creating music, playing a game, or communicating with their family.

For more information about this wonderful charity visit lifelites.org/



A Swift entry for Durham Preceptory of Installed Preceptors No. 567



Pictured left to right: Provincial Sub-Prior, E.Kt. Richard Tucker, V.H. & R.E.Kt. Malcolm Slater & Provincial Prior R.E.Kt. Richard G. Scott

On the evening of Thursday 29 January the Preceptory held the first meeting of the year to install the Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing 12 months.

Support was provided by Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Richard Scott, who escorted the very distinguished guest speaker, V.H. & R.E.Kt. Malcolm Slater, Past Great Seneschal, Officer of the Order of St. John, Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders. As guest speaker he entertained all of those present with a very informative, enlightening and amusing account of his tenure of twelve years in high office, receiving a standing ovation for his presentation.

After the festive board, in reply to his toast, the Provincial Prior proudly exhibited the statuette of a Swift, this being the acknowledgement of a substantial donation (US\$5000) to sponsor one the 150 birds on the Mark Coreth "Tree of Hope" sculpture in the Old City of Jerusalem in support of the St. John Eye Hospital.



Red Cross of Constantine helps the deafblind to communicate and experience the world



Pictured with representatives from Sense are left to right: Hans Gudka, Divisional Junior General, Stuart Graves, Intendant General & Eric Hampson, Divisional Senior General
Members of the Metropolitan Division were delighted to attend the Sense Charity in High Barnet last week, to present a cheque from the Grand Sovereign's Care for Children fund.

Sense is a charity that supports deafblind children and adults throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their centres offer places for people with complex disabilities to build connections by developing communication skills and independence, meeting other people, being creative with arts and crafts and taking part in sport and exercise – all supported by skilled, specialist staff.

#Tweet of the Week



Mark Masons' Hall @MarkMasonsHall · Feb 17

Members of the Metropolitan Division of the #RedCrossofConstantine were delighted to be at @sensecharity in High Barnet to offer valuable support as part of the Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund. The charity supports deafblind children & adults throughout the UK.



As illustrated in the Knights Templar story from the Province of Durham it's great to see such excellent recognition for another of our suite of wonderful charities - the Red Cross of Constantine Grand Sovereign's Care for Children Fund.



#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.

Some Provincial Level Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15 February - West Midlands Divisional Meeting of Red Cross of Constantine at The Masonic Hall, Kings Heath, Birmingham at 11.00am followed by lunch.

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

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 & District Masonic Halls, 3 Oakfield Rd, Croydon

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

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Progressive Masonry 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 >>>

Facebook Post of the Week

 **Mark Masons' Hall**
Published by Mike Baker [?] · February 19 at 8:30 AM · 🌐

New research suggest young carers average £12,000 of unpaid work a year. Mark Masons' Hall Ltd. has therefore been proud to provide funding of £80,620 for minibuses to The Honeypot Children's Charity & Signpost Stockport for Carers
These vehicles will dramatically improve their quality of life.



Yet another example of the life-changing contribution made by the Mark Benevolent Fund.

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