

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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Public Health concerns about the Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Reduce your risk of



Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and



Cover nose and mouth with tissues or inside of elbow when coughing or sneezing



If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance







Given the current public health concerns we would suggest to all of our members, to consider very carefully whether they should be attending meetings if they're feeling unwell, especially if they feel they're suffering from something that someone else might catch.

This is very much for the benefit of all members, as well as the individual. We will update you as and when the situation changes and suggest that you keep informed via the NHS website bit.ly/NHScovid-19 The guidance from UGLE in the graphic above is worth noting. Please click on **the following link** for the note sent out to all members by the Grand Secretary. It is also on our website and TeamApp.



Dates for your diary

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 - Bookings for dining have now closed

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 Claughton 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

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

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

Deputy Grand Master & Grand Director of Ceremonies 'moseley' on down to King's Heath



Pictured left to right: R.W.Bro. Frank Spencer, G.M.R.A.C., P.Prov.G.M. (Worcestershire) – W.Bro. Dan Heath, R.A.M.G.R. – W.Bro. Paul Yarnell, R.A.M.G.R., A.Prov.G.M. – R.W.Bro. Eric John Rymer, Prov.G.M. – R.W.Bro. John Prizeman, G.M.R.A.C., Dep.G.M. – W.Bro. Michael Baxendale, Worshipful Commander – W.Bro. Jeff Whiteley, R.A.M.G.R., Dep.Prov.G.M.

Brethren of Moseley Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No.667 were joined by representatives from the Province of Worcestershire and Mark Masons' Hall to celebrate the Lodge's Centenary. All present were treated to an excellent Elevation ceremony conducted by the Worshipful Commander, ably assisted by the Officers and other members of the Lodge, as Bro. Sarbjit Lalli became the newest member.

After the Centenary Warrant had been presented and W.Bro. Gary Vale, Prov.R.A.M.G.R., Scribe, had delivered a precis of the Lodge's history, the Brethren retired to enjoy a Black Country Supper of Beef Broth, Mini Fish & Chips in paper, Faggots & Mushy Peas, and Bread & Butter Pudding. Following the meal, the R.W. Prov.G.M. presented the Deputy Grand Master with a memento of his visit, a bottle of Worcestershire Sauce. However, the Worshipful Commander upped the ante by presenting R.W. Bro. Prizeman with a splendid antique Royal Worcester vase.



Pictured: R.W.Bro. John Prizeman, G.M.R.A.C., Dep.G.M. and Bro. Sarbjit Lalli

Re-united after 32 months in abeyance



United Brethren OSM Conclave No.308 was resurrected on Saturday
29 February after its warrant had been in abeyance for nearly three years.
The meeting took place at the Pretoria Masonic Centre, with future
meetings being held in the Pim Lorentz Memorial Hall in Manzini, eSwatini.
Overseeing proceedings was the Conclave Supreme Ruler,
Wy.Bro. Richard Woodward P.G.Swd.B., who is also District Grand
Recorder for South Africa - Northern.

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

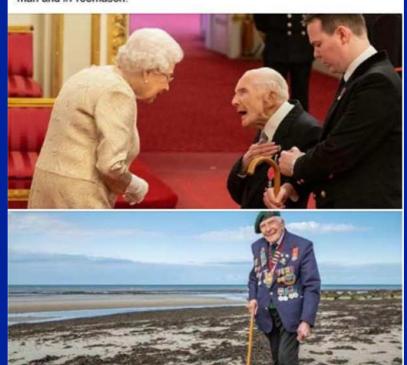
Council at the Metropolitan Police sports club in Bushey

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

Facebook Post of the Week



Congratulations to #Freemason and D-Day Veteran Harry Billinge on receiving his MBE from the Queen. He is a member of Carnanton #RoyalArkMariner Lodge in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cornwall and a past member of four other Orders in Devon/Cornwall - a truly inspirational man and #Freemason.



And here are just a few of the comments received for this inspirational man and Freemason.



Supporting the Homeless, Marginalised and Vulnerable Members of our Communities



Sussex Mark Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Martin Wilson, was delighted to present a cheque for £68,000 to fund a custom fitted St John Ambulance mobile treatment centre for the homeless in Brighton and the surrounding areas, on behalf of the MBF.

This is a vital lifeline which enables St John Ambulance to:

- · Administer first aid
- Treat wounds and change dressings
- Discuss current health concerns
- Specialised foot care with a podiatrist
- Referrals to appropriate services
- Give support and listen
- Health assessments
- Health promotion
- Provide socks, shoes, space blankets, sun cream, and other items
- Offer support attending health care appointments.



#Tweet of the Week

As regards reaction and engagement it was easily the same story as the Facebook Post of the week, but to show variety and to curry favour with the Latin scholars and followers of the College of Arms the following is a worthy second.



Mark Masons' Hall @MarkMasonsHall - Mar 2

#OTD in 1484 the College of Arms is formally incorporated by Royal Charter signed by King Richard III of England. This was the body that granted the #MarkMasterMasons patent for its coat of arms, with the motto 'Lapis Reprobatus Caput Anguli', which means?



By way of a footnote I feel impelled to place on record the disappointment of the Grand Secretary that last Sunday's offering sadly didn't even make the top 25.





#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.



Progressive Freemasonry on the Move

Check out the <u>Mark Masons' Hall Team App</u>, 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 >>>