

# Freemasonry@86 News - 23 October 2020



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## Happy Birthday W.Bro. Harry Waddingham, P.G.S.D. 104 years young and still going strong.



On the week of Trafalgar Day it seems very fitting that we should receive news of the Birthday celebration of an exceptional Brother.

W.Bro. Harry Waddingham, P.G.S.D., celebrated his 104th birthday on Friday last. Born in October 1916, Harry joined the Royal Navy shortly after his 16th birthday. He relates many stories of his naval service and life on board as a Seaman Gunner. After qualifying as a P.E. instructor he would put the ratings through their paces whilst in port, all for an extra one shilling and thrupence a week.

On completion of his service in the Royal Navy, Harry embarked on a new career as head of P.E. and gymnastics at the local Grammar School. Many of his 'Old Boys' attended his 100th birthday and still keep in touch. The standards of discipline and presentation expected by the Royal Navy have remained with him through his teaching career and as a Mason. He is still active in body, alert in mind and is known by the local Rotary Club and other groups as an entertaining after lunch speaker.

Harry is an honorary member of Bexhill Mark Lodge No.1058 and Bexhill Lodge of RAM. He will be known by many by his contribution to the meetings at the keyboards or the organ.

For many years, Harry and Collette have joined the Sussex contingent heading off to the Mark Benevolent Fund Festivals around the Country. He always has a selection of jokes for the amusement of all on the coach.

As possibly the oldest Mark Man in the Order, his birthday could not pass without a visit from Prov.G.M. Roger Richardson and Jackie, which he regarded as the perfect opportunity to get dressed in number ones for a photo call. When asked what is the secret of his longevity, he would respond,

“keeping fit and active, a strict routine, lunch at 12 noon, nothing to eat after 6pm, my daily ration of Navy rum, my caring wife Collette and the love of my Mark Masonry.

Thanks to the Province of Sussex for sending this in and to Harry, Happy Birthday from all of us at Mark Masons' Hall. Mark Well!

*The photo of Harry below was taken in December 1939 (aged 23yrs) and was published on the front page of the Daily Mirror.*



## **Bath Freemasons' Square Meals Project**

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In early April, Bath Freemasons decided to reopen their kitchen for the preparation and supply of ready meals for distribution daily to vulnerable citizens in Bath, free of charge at the point of delivery.

Through contacts within the B&NES local authority social care dept, partnerships were formed with local charities who were already providing food parcel services, and therefore had known potential 'clients' for such a regular meal service. By distributing through these existing channels, the meals were targeted to those most in need, plus distributed by younger volunteers thus minimising endangering members who would have volunteered but were themselves in shielded categories.

Caterer, Ben Hayward, developed simple menus for meals that are flavoursome, in line with nutritional guidance for the demographic, simple to prepare in the kitchen using inexpensive and readily-available ingredients, and packaged ready for supply to be reheated/microwaved by the recipient. Over 75 individual menu plans have been devised and supplied on a rotational basis, all of which have been approved by the local authority's food standards dept.

Bath Masonic Hall Trust committed the start-up funds to commence the ordering and supply of the raw materials, and maintaining a base level of 250 meals a week for the first few weeks. An appeal was then launched to the membership, who raised further funds through donations from individual members, Lodges and Masonic Orders meeting at Bath Masonic Hall. These were match-funded by two national Masonic Charities - The Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) and the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). Altogether, £40,000 has been raised to finance this project. This enabled production to be raised to over 600 meals a week and since April, the project has delivered more than 14,000 meals in Bath, plus outlying areas. The breakdown of the funding to date is:

Bath Lodges, Orders and Members: £16,500

MBF £8,500

Bath Masonic Hall Trust: £7,500

MCF £7,500

The partner Charities making deliveries are:

Mercy in Action in Twerton - <http://www.mercyinaction.org.uk><sup>2</sup>

Bath City Farm in Whiteway - <http://bathcityfarm.org.uk><sup>3</sup>

Sporting Family Change in Midsomer Norton - <https://sportingfamilychange.co.uk><sup>4</sup>

The project has now been extended and a further appeal was made in early October to the membership to raise an additional £14,000 to maintain production at 600 meals a week until mid-January. So far £4,000 of this has been received from members, and there are pledges for an additional £3,000.

In addition to the caterer Ben Hayward, who is not a Mason, the project is run by a small team of five, all of whom are Mark members:

W.Bro. Dave Dixon of Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge TI

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<sup>3</sup><http://bathcityfarm.org.uk/>

<sup>4</sup><https://sportingfamilychange.co.uk/>

Bro. Roger Surry of Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge TI and he has been helped by his sons - both Brethren of the Craft in Bath.

W.Bro. Trevor Quartermaine of Royal Cumberland Mark Lodge TI

W.Bro. Neil Hawes of Royal Sussex Mark Lodge No.177

Bro. Malcolm Toogood of Royal Sussex Mark Lodge No.177

The video's producer, Paul Mallon, is a Brother of the Craft in Bath.



<https://youtu.be/T6b7cKKCmoY>

## 50 Years a Knight



Right Eminent Knight John Stuart HAY, K.C.T. the Past Provincial Prior of Hertfordshire (1991-1998), recently celebrated the highly significant milestone of 50 Years' Service to Knights Templar Freemasonry.

On Friday, 25 September 1970, John was installed as a Knight of the Order in the John F. Cleaves Preceptory, No. 315, meeting at Cheshunt, and has remained an active member ever since. This is in addition to his ongoing active membership of fourteen different Masonic Orders.

Exactly fifty years to the day later, on Friday, 25 September 2020, the Preceptory was due to hold their regular meeting, and arrangements had been made behind the scenes with Great Priory for the presentation of a 50 Year Certificate to be made at that meeting.

Sadly, however, the effects of the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic meant that it was not possible for the meeting to go ahead as planned. John was delighted, however, to receive a telephone call from the Great Vice-Chancellor, R.E.Kt. Ryan Williams, K.C.T., on the day, congratulating him on reaching this historic milestone.

On Thursday, 15 October, the Provincial Prior, R.E.Kt. Tony Lapsley, accompanied by the Provincial Vice-Chancellor, E.Kt. Alastair White and V.E.Kt David Sharman, Registrar of the John F. Cleeves Preceptory, visited John and his wife Jean at home. The Provincial Prior was delighted to be able to present John with his 50 Year Certificate, along with the hearty congratulations of Great Priory and all of the Knights of the Province of Hertfordshire.

## And the Knights Templar are back to work on Guernsey



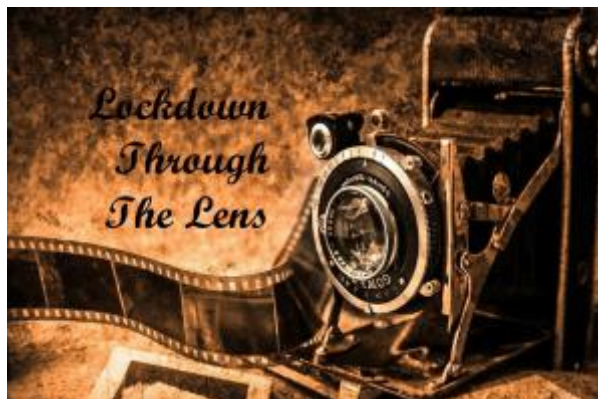
On Thursday, 15 October 2020 the Installation Meeting of St George of Guernsey Preceptory, No. 491 (Unattached) heralded the return of Knights Templar Freemasonry on the Island.

The outgoing Preceptor/Prior, Eminent Knight John Woolston, Installed Eminent Knight Robert Grant as his successor.

Nearly 30 attended and dined after as there are currently no restriction for such to take place.

A great evening was had by all, and the Preceptor/Prior and his Officers are looking forward to the year ahead and hoping it can continue to meet and has four candidates lined up for Installation into the Preceptory in 2021.

## Lockdown Through The Lens Photography Competition



Since the beginning of Lockdown, many Freemasons had taken the opportunity to get busy with their cameras. To mark World Photography Day on Wednesday, 19 August, we launched our "Lockdown Through The Lens" photography competition, with three prizes of Amazon gift vouchers up for grabs with £100, £50 & £25 for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place respectively. Plus, the winning picture will be professionally printed, framed and hung in Mark Masons' Hall.

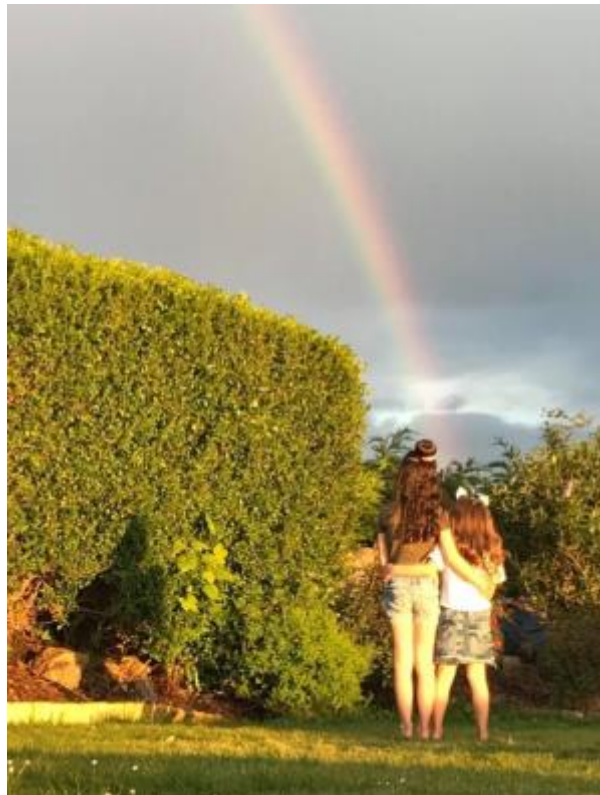
All that was required was to submit a picture, taken since Lockdown was announced, which captures something about the times in which we are currently living.

It could be any subject matter, friends/family reunited, clear skies, abundant wildlife, empty streets. We just needed a title and an explanation as to what represented to the entrant.

Thank you to all who took part. There was an incredible variety of striking and eye catching images to choose from.

Now, the votes have been cast and the results are in. We're pleased to announce the following winners:

**First Place - Hope/Gobaith - John Llewelyn Pritchard**



This picture was taken May 1st 2020 in the small village of Penysarn on the Isle of Anglesey. It captures my 2 granddaughters Mali Grace 10 and Casi Lois 6 under a rainbow, which has come to symbol the NHS and all the good work they have done in these challenging times. To me this photo represents Family, love, friendship and hope, which translates as Gobaith in welsh. This was taken on a simple Iphone by my daughter Laura.

### Second Place - The Emptiness - Lenny Emanuel



This photograph depicts the quiet corridors of an university, which is generally so busy on a normal day. This pandemic has brought life to a standstill. The chairs and the columns are a mute witness to the bygone activities. They are awaiting the buzz of students, the conversations, the coffee times!! The trees in the backdrop have seen many people come and go, taking shelter under their majestic branches. They too await the normalcy of life. The serene ambiance is very welcome, but takes its toll on the mind when it extends too long. Let us hope everything bounces back to normal.

### Third Place - The Reunion - Stewart Flett





My Wife took this picture when we were finally allowed to have a "bubble" for support. We see our local Grandchildren each week, having them stay over. The reunion was such a joy.

## Devonshire's Mark Benevolent Fund Newsletter



1 - You can read the full newsletter by [Clicking Here](#)<sup>5</sup>

The Mark Province of Devonshire have just released their latest Benevolent Fund Newsletter which you can read in full by clicking the link above but we thought you might enjoy the Quiz compiled by W.Bro. David White.

### Famous People

1. What was the name of the Benedictine monk who invented champagne.
2. Who's autobiography was titled "the good the bad and the bubbly"
3. Which comedian was born Maurice Cole.
4. Who was responsible for the collapse of Barings Bank.
5. Who is the Commander in Chief of the British Armed forces.
6. In which country was Osama Bin Laden born.
7. What do Homer Simpson and Elvis Presley have in common.

<sup>5</sup>[http://download.mmh.org.uk/Mark\\_Benevolent\\_Newsletter\\_-\\_October\\_Edition\\_20201015.pdf](http://download.mmh.org.uk/Mark_Benevolent_Newsletter_-_October_Edition_20201015.pdf)

8. Parker and Barrow are the names of which famous people.
9. What was Eva Heragova famous for advertising.
10. Who is Richard John Bingham better known as.

#### Euro Tours

1. What are the three Baltic States.
2. In which country does the Duoro reach the Atlantic.
3. What is the capital of Catalonia.
4. What do the Germans call Bavaria.
5. Which European capital stands on the river Liffey.
6. What is the Eiffel Tower made of.
7. What is Europe's highest capital city.
8. Which area of the Rhone delta is famous for its nature reserve.
9. Where precisely is France's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
10. The Magyars are the largest ethnic group of which country.

## Across Social Media

On YouTube - Freemasons Without Borders focus in on our friends "The Operatives"

### Structure

- Grand Assemblage ruled by 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Master Masons (Pro 2<sup>nd</sup>) – just to cause confusion
- Regions Ruled by a Deputy Grand Master Mason & Senior Passed Master (DGMM & SPM)
- VI<sup>th</sup> Lodge of Harodim – SPM / Deputy Master Mason VI<sup>th</sup>
- V<sup>th</sup> Lodge of Menatzchim – Deputy Master Mason V<sup>th</sup>
- Assemblage of Lodges IV<sup>th</sup> to I<sup>st</sup> - Deputy Master Mason (DMM)



<https://youtu.be/dkqF5f9VRAq>

And on Facebook - On Tuesday, they are back with someone well-known to many familiar with Mark Masons' Hall

**The Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors**

An Invitational Masonic Body Honouring those who have Presided over both a Craft Lodge and a Royal Arch Chapter

Lecture by  
**M.III.Bro. Jonathan C. Roberts**  
Grand Master

While the ritual of the Order has its origins in the 1870's, the Masonic Order of Pilgrim Preceptors dates its formal organization to 1984. The Order is based on the story of how Freemasonry came from Jerusalem to England. Candidates are admitted to the degree of Pilgrim, which describes the journey of Freemasonry from Jerusalem to Rome. The second degree is that of Preceptor, and explains the journey from Rome to England.

Join us to find out more!!!

zoom 27th October 2020 at 18:00 (UK Local Time)

FREEMASONS SOCIETY OF LONDON

On Twitter - The Mark Province of Essex begin making plans for the 2030 MBF Festival.

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1318907283020107778>

And some fetching facemasks raise funds for Macmillan Cancer UK

<http://twitter.com/statuses/1318226370674163715>

## Not seeing your news? Join us on Social Media

Social Media is becoming an increasingly important platform for how we get to hear about what is going on further afield in all of our Orders. If your Province/District/Division has a Facebook Page/Group or Twitter Feed, or if you represent a Masonic Club or Society linked to our Orders, please send us an invite to join or follow you.

We can be found at:

Facebook - Mark Secretariat<sup>6</sup> - This is the contact account for the Mark Masons' Hall Facebook Page<sup>7</sup>

Twitter - @MarkMasonsHall<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>6</sup><https://www.facebook.com/mmh.secretariat.3>

<sup>7</sup><https://www.facebook.com/MarkMasonsHall/>

<sup>8</sup><https://twitter.com/MarkMasonsHall>

Or you can email us at [communications@mmh.org.uk](mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk)<sup>9</sup>

## The KT 20 for 2020 Appeal has now exceeded £35,000.00



You can support the Eye Hospital by making a £20 donation. Just [Click Here](#)<sup>10</sup> or use the Text Donate facility below.

100 per cent of donations will be given to St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group to support their vital work. To recognise your generosity and support, The Great Priory of Knights Templar is sending a limited-edition Swift tie/lapel pin to every donor.

**The Swift pins are now being posted out but please bear with us as we are only in the office one day per week to carry out this task so some deliveries will take longer than others. Thank you for your patience.**



**The Knights Templar  
20 for 2020 Appeal**



**Text **KT2042020** to **70500** to donate **£20****

All monies donated to this text number go towards the **The Knights Templar 20 for 2020 Appeal**

For a text donation, you will be charged for one standard text message plus your donation of £20. Always get the bill payer's permission. The Relief Chest will receive 100% of your donation. If you do not want to be contacted by text in the future, add the words NO INFO when texting your donation. All donations are administered by the Relief Chest Scheme (Grand Charity Registered Charity No. 281942). Text donation helpline: 020 3146 3362. Masonic Charitable Foundation Charity No. 1154703, Company No. 00751836

80 Great Queen Street | London | WC2B 5AZ | [www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)

<sup>9</sup><mailto:communications@mmh.org.uk>

<sup>10</sup><http://everydayhero.co.uk/event/KT2042020>

## MBF Festival 2021



**East Lancashire Province**, hosts of the **153rd Mark Benevolent Fund Annual Festival in 2021**, have produced a unique **Souvenir Festival Calendar** for the year **2021** and copies are now available.

These large, wall hanging calendars feature twelve contrasting prints of iconic sights in East Lancashire, commencing with the beauty of Pendle Hill in January and ending with Manchester's colourful Christmas Market in December. The 12 original watercolours were painted by Annette Young over the past four years specially for this calendar without cost to the Province. Calendars are priced at £10 each and all proceeds will go to the MBF.

So, let us brighten your kitchen or office wall and at the same time provide much needed support for our Mark Benevolent Fund. Why not purchase several more copies to send to friends and family at Christmas?

**Thank you very much for your support.**



The calendar measures: 318mm x 228mm folded – 318mm x 456mm open

To order:

By email: [eastlancscalendars@gmail.com](mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com)<sup>11</sup> By telephone: 07766731307

Payment by **cheque to East Lancs Mark 2021 Festival** – post to:

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<sup>11</sup><mailto:eastlancscalendars@gmail.com>

**East Lancs Calendars. 47 St Leonards Way, Woore, Crewe. CW39SS**

**Or contact them for electronic payment details**

And don't forget, Stewardship, Badge and Festival orders can be places as well.

Click Here<sup>12</sup> for the Stewardship and Festival Badge Form

Click Here<sup>13</sup> for the complete Festival pack

And you can visit the Province of East Lancashire's website Here<sup>14</sup>

## The Shop@86 is now open



As well as being able to accept online orders, we are pleased to announce the Shop@86 is now open to visitors, initially from 1p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For those who have received appointment to, or promotion in, Grand Rank - you may still place your order using the methods outlined in the form provided with your offer letter.

Please note: orders will be dispatched as soon as possible but may be subject to delays caused by Covid-19 restrictions.

Visit the Shop@86 website Here<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>12</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Stewardship\\_Badge\\_Form.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Stewardship_Badge_Form.pdf)

<sup>13</sup>[https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news\\_articles/2020/2021\\_MBF\\_Festival\\_Complete\\_Forms\\_Pack.pdf](https://www.markmasonshall.org/images/news_articles/2020/2021_MBF_Festival_Complete_Forms_Pack.pdf)

<sup>14</sup><http://www.wordpress.eastlancsmark.org/?p=11465>

<sup>15</sup><https://www.shopat86.co.uk/>



### Business as usual for the Staff@86

The 4th Floor at Mark Masons' Hall may be quieter than usual while travel is somewhat restricted but, whether working from home or in the office, all departments and teams are available on email to help and support as usual.

