



News from Freemasonry@86

25 October 2019

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

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Dates for your diary

Saturday 26 October - Constitution of **Mark** Inspectorate of Romania - Bucharest - *succes tuturor fraților*

Saturday 26 October - **AMD** Installation of new District Grand Prefect, East Anglia - Bury St Edmunds

Tuesday 29 October - **Mark** Sesquicentenary The MacDonald Lodge No.104 - Mark Masons' Hall, London

Wednesday 30 October - Consecration of **Scarlet Cord** Warlingham Consistory No.134 - Redhill, Surrey

Saturday 2 November - Centenary of **Royal & Select Masters** Phipps Dorman Council No.32 - Warwickshire District Meeting - Tally Ho Conference Centre, Edgbaston

Monday 4 November - Consecration of **Scarlet Cord** Valley of Rocks Consistory No.133 - Barnstaple, Devon

Thursday 14 November 12:30pm - **OSM** - Grand Conclave & Annual Investiture - Freemasons' Hall, London - booking details bit.ly/OSMGrandConclave

Monday 18 November - **Scarlet Cord** Installation of new Provincial Grand Summus for East Anglia - Bury St Edmunds

Tuesday 19 November 12:30pm - **Knights of Malta** Great Priory & Annual Investiture

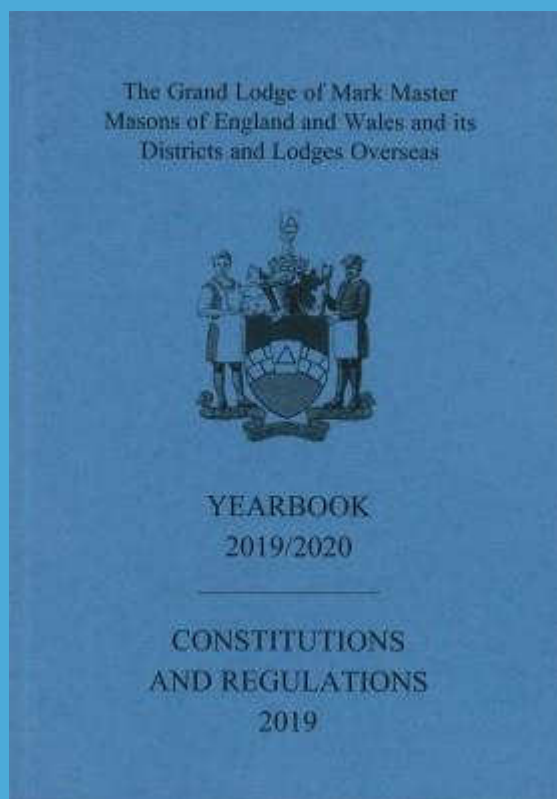
- Freemasons' Hall, London - booking details bit.ly/MaltaGreatPriory

Tuesday 10 December 4:45pm - RAM Annual Assembly & Investiture - Freemasons' Hall, London - booking details bit.ly/RAMAnnual

Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Year Book 2019/2020

It may not possess the literary merit of Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo, joint winners of the 2019 Booker Prize with *The Testaments* and *Girl, Woman, Other* but the Mark & RAM 2019/2020 Year Book is an invaluable reference book.

They have been mailed out to Lodge Secretaries and Scribes, and additional copies can now be purchased from [the Shop @86.](#)



Congratulations to Connaught Lodge of Mark Master Masons No. 694

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W.Bro. John H. Prizeman, was delighted to present the Centenary Warrant to the Lodge at the meeting to celebrate this special occasion on Thursday 24 October at the Masonic Hall, Botley, Southampton.

Pictured are the Deputy GM presenting a Centenary Token to the Lodge Secretary W.Bro. Brian Cox.



Allied Masonic Degrees - Grand Council - Tuesday 22 October



Freemasons' Hall, London was the venue for the Allied Masonic Degrees Grand Council. Grand Master, M.W.Bro. Tom Jackson, was delighted to welcome guests from around the globe, including the United States, France, India, Australia, the Far East, Greece, South Africa, Spain, Germany, the Caribbean, the Netherlands, Brazil and Kent.

Before the meeting, he was pleased to personally greet M.W.Bro. Christian Amine, Sov.G.Master, accompanied by M.W.Bro. Dominique Paquet Past Sov.G.M. from the Grand Council of France - pictured below.

He concluded his address - click on [this link >>> for full details](#) - by thanking all of the members for their support, not just on the day but over the last year, as it makes his job such a pleasurable and easy one to fulfil, hopefully to their satisfaction. And finally he quoted from G.B. Shaw's *Man and Superman*, 'there is no love sincerer than the love of good food', go and enjoy it and God Bless you all.



Under A.O.B. the Grand Secretary stated that the day marked the start of a period when members should be bold and proud to be Allied Masons. At the DGP forum prior to this meeting he shared plans with the Heads of our Orders regarding our ambitious forward looking communications strategy, more of which will be seen in the months to come. The core of which is that we care for our brethren, we care for those who are not yet members of this Order and more importantly we are looking at building stronger relations with other Orders and encouraging the growth of Allied Masonry. He added that many are probably not fans of social media but we cannot ignore it in 21st Century, as it's an integral part of society. If you do use social media, can I ask that you follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram - follow [@MarkMasonsHall](#) and [@RyanWil11923403](#), we would welcome your support.





When in Rome

... The Grand Secretary, Ryan Williams, supported by representatives from Staffordshire and Shropshire, Wiltshire and East Lancashire attended the tenth AGM of the Mark District of Italy in Rome. This was an historic occasion with the Brethen voting to petition the Grand Master to become a Sovereign Grand Mark Lodge in the spring of 2020. The photograph shows the Grand Secretary receiving the Petition from R.W. Bro. Dr. Fabio Venzi, District Grand Master, and W. Bro. Andrea Bonechi, District Grand Secretary.

Constitution of new Inspectorate in Romania

Whilst last Saturday's historic presentation in Rome signals a fond farewell - or should that be *arrivederci* - to the Mark District Grand Lodge of Italy, this Saturday brings a whole new beginning in Romania.

Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Ray Smith will be welcomed to Bucharest for the constitution of the new Inspectorate of Romania. In attendance, will be those brethren who were elevated into Bon Accord TI Royal Ark Mariner Lodge last week - pictured below.

Bun venit România.



Three Consecrations, One Installation & a Conferral

It's not quite the title of a new Richard Curtis film, but the hectic schedule of a team from Mark Masons' Hall, who will be in the Bahamas, Jamaica and Barbados next week. The itinerary includes three Consecrations of new Red Cross of Constantine Conclaves, the Installation of the R.III. Intendant General for the Division of Jamaica and the Conferral of the Degree of Excellent Master in the Order of Royal & Select Masters in Barbados.

The full story and pictures will be available on the team's return - let's hope that what goes on tour, does not stay on tour.





#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 - **can you 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 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

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