



News from Freemasonry@86

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Consecration Special

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, including details of six consecrations.

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Oops!

We have to shutdown our Mark Masons' Hall website from 12.01am on Sunday 10 November, as we're working hard to

make further improvements.

Don't worry we'll be back up and running at 6am on Monday 11 November, although we hope to be back up and running sooner.

Whilst we're otherwise engaged why don't you check out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

If you need to contact us urgently please email on communications@mmh.org.uk

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 14 November 12:30pm - OSM - Grand Conclave & Annual Investiture - Freemasons' Hall, London - booking details

bit.ly/OSMGrandConclave

Saturday 16 November - Scarlet Cord - Consecration of three consistories - Calcutta, Eastern India and Bengal - Kolkata

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

Dining has now closed for the OSM Grand Conclave, but you can still attend the meeting on 14 November which starts at 12.30pm - click on this link for details

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Leicestershire & Rutland Mark Masons visit the Jersey and Guernsey Boys

Led by the Provincial Grand Master, R.W.Bro. Phillip Mann, a large delegation of Mark Masons from Leicestershire & Rutland made a return visit to the Annual Meeting of The Channel Islands' Provincial Grand Lodge. This year the meeting was held at the splendid St Helier Masonic Centre on Stopford Road, Jersey on Saturday 12 October.

Once again wives and partners accompanied the brethren on the long weekend and a most enjoyable time was had by all. This was the third consecutive year that the Province has visited the Channel Islands meeting and once again the hosts extended the warmest of welcomes and wonderful Mark fellowship.





Attention! Essex Armed Forces Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.2016

Tuesday, 15 October saw the Essex Mark Provincial Grand Master, Terry Sheern, his Consecration Team, the Founders and a significant number of Essex Mark Master Masons assemble at the Masonic Centre at St. Giles in Colchester to Consecrate the Essex Armed Forces Lodge of Mark Master Masons No.2016.

Colchester has long maintained a military connection, earliest records indicate there was a Roman Garrison billeted there in AD 43, and the town has maintained a Military presence there ever since with a significant barracks having been part of the town's DNA until recent times. This was a momentous occasion in the life of any

Lodge and Province and this was to be the first consecration in Essex since the Centurion Lodge in March 2000.

Well over 70 Mark Master Masons, including a significant number of Active Officers - present to support the event - assembled to witness the spectacle and enjoy this new phase and landmark in Essex Mark. The Lodge was created to provide a niche unit for serving and past members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces to enjoy Mark Masonry in a specialist Lodge, where they can enjoy the company (and friendly rivalry) of fellow servicemen.

Eddie Garty, ProvGM Middlesex, was the Founding Director of Ceremonies and ensured the brethren appeared on parade suitably attired - you wouldn't argue with a man in a red beret.



The Northern Star in the Essex Firmament



Whilst members across the constitution, especially those in England and South Africa, were being distracted last Saturday by a game of rugby, the diehard fans from the Mark Province of Essex were consecrating yet another new Lodge of MMM at Kirby Cross Masonic Centre.

This was another first for the Province and indeed all of Mark Masonry in England with the Consecration of Northern Star No.2012 being a 'Breakfast Lodge', with a 'full English' available at every meeting.

Once again the consecrating team was led by R.W.Bro. Terry Sheern ProvGM, who presented the Lodge with two frying pans to

be used for alms collections and an apron for the Head Steward, which is to be passed on to his successor. 75 Brethren sat down to a most enjoyable brunch menu, from which several Brethren were heard to say " I'm stuffed, wont be eating again today." Once again they parted company with friendships old and new, proving that the Mark really is "The Friendly Degree."

Affirming the Faith, Confirming the Belief

Perhaps Freemasonry does work in mysterious ways. So when - as a direct result of becoming a Knight Templar - Companion Chris David Thomas went on to make the choice to become baptised and confirmed, a young man was completing a very personal and special journey.

Every Freemason, at his admission into Freemasonry, is asked to affirm his belief in a Supreme Being, and every candidate for admission into the Knights Templar is asked to confirm his belief in the Trinitarian Christian Faith. In this instance Freemasonry was the catalyst, reinforcing and expanding the involvement of a Companion in their chosen religious faith.

Click on [this link for the full story >>>](#)



Pictured (left to right) Knight Christopher Thomas together with the Revd Malcolm Lane, The Great Prelate, The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Dr Paul Calderwood, the Provincial Prior of the Knights Templar.

**Sussex by the Sea Celebrates Centenary of Thornton
Preceptory No.208**



M.E. & G.Kt. Paul Clement G.C.T., Grand Master, was welcomed to Brighton to present a Centenary warrant to the Eminent Preceptor of Thornton Preceptory No.208, Bryan Spearman, on Friday 01 November. Also pictured are Sussex Provincial Prior, Toby Pratt, and Past Great Prelate Desmond Payne-Jeremiah.

[Click on this link for an album of photos from the Centenary Celebrations >>>](#)



The Spirit of Rugby was the real winner

In this case it was the Spirit of Rugby Lodge of MMM No.2014 consecrated last Saturday 2 November by Mark Province of London Deputy ProvGM Tim MacAndrews. Meanwhile, having been rested for the 'match', ProvGM Tom Quinn observed proceedings from the touchline and was sportingly presented with an 'ill-fated' England jersey. Despite the result, it was an occasion played out with much humour,

epitomising the true friendship of Mark Freemasonry - no doubt assisted by the ProvGM's presentation to the Lodge of a loving cup topped up with the elixir from north of Hadrian's Wall.



There's 4,341 miles to Nassau

... the plane's got a full tank of fuel, it's dawn and we've packed sunglasses.



Click on the image for details of those pictured

So it was, that an intrepid band of representatives from the Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal and Select Masters set of for an eight day, three Island, four flight, six ceremony visit to the Caribbean.

- First stop: Nassau, Bahamas, to Consecrate Dennis Artemas Nottage Conclave No. 530.
- Second stop: Kingston, Jamaica, to attend the Installation meeting of Centenary Conclave No. 394 and then two ceremonies on back-to-back evenings, the Consecration of Cornwall Conclave No. 529 followed by the Installation of R.III.Kt. Errol Lloyd Wright as Intendant-General for Jamaica.
- Final stop: Barbados, and the turn of the Royal and Select

Masters. M.III.Comp. Kessick John Jones, Grand Master, swapped his R.C.C. Grand High Prelate's surplus for the more familiar regalia of his own Order and led his team in conferring the Degree of Excellent Master on the chosen few from the region as a reward for their sterling service to the Order. This was followed immediately by the final ceremony of the trip, the Consecration of Friendship Conclave No. 531.



Click on the image for details of those pictured

[Click on this link >>> for the photo album of the Caribbean 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 it 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

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

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

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Coming soon three's a magic number



1. It certainly is in Kolkata next Saturday 16 November, when Grand Summus M.Dist.Comp. Ian Currans is being given the day off. The role of consecrating officer for three new Scarlet Cord Consistories (Calcutta, Eastern India and Bengal) will be fulfilled by R.Dist.Comp. Stephen Hindes. It promises to be a very special triple consecration, and we'll bring news and pictures in due course.
2. We will also bring you coverage of the consecration of Valley of the Rocks Consistory No.133 in Barnsataple on Monday 4 November.
3. And not to be outdone, we will bring you coverage of the RSM Phipps Dorman Council No.32 Centenary, conducted at the annual Warwickshire meeting on Saturday 2 November - Tally Ho!